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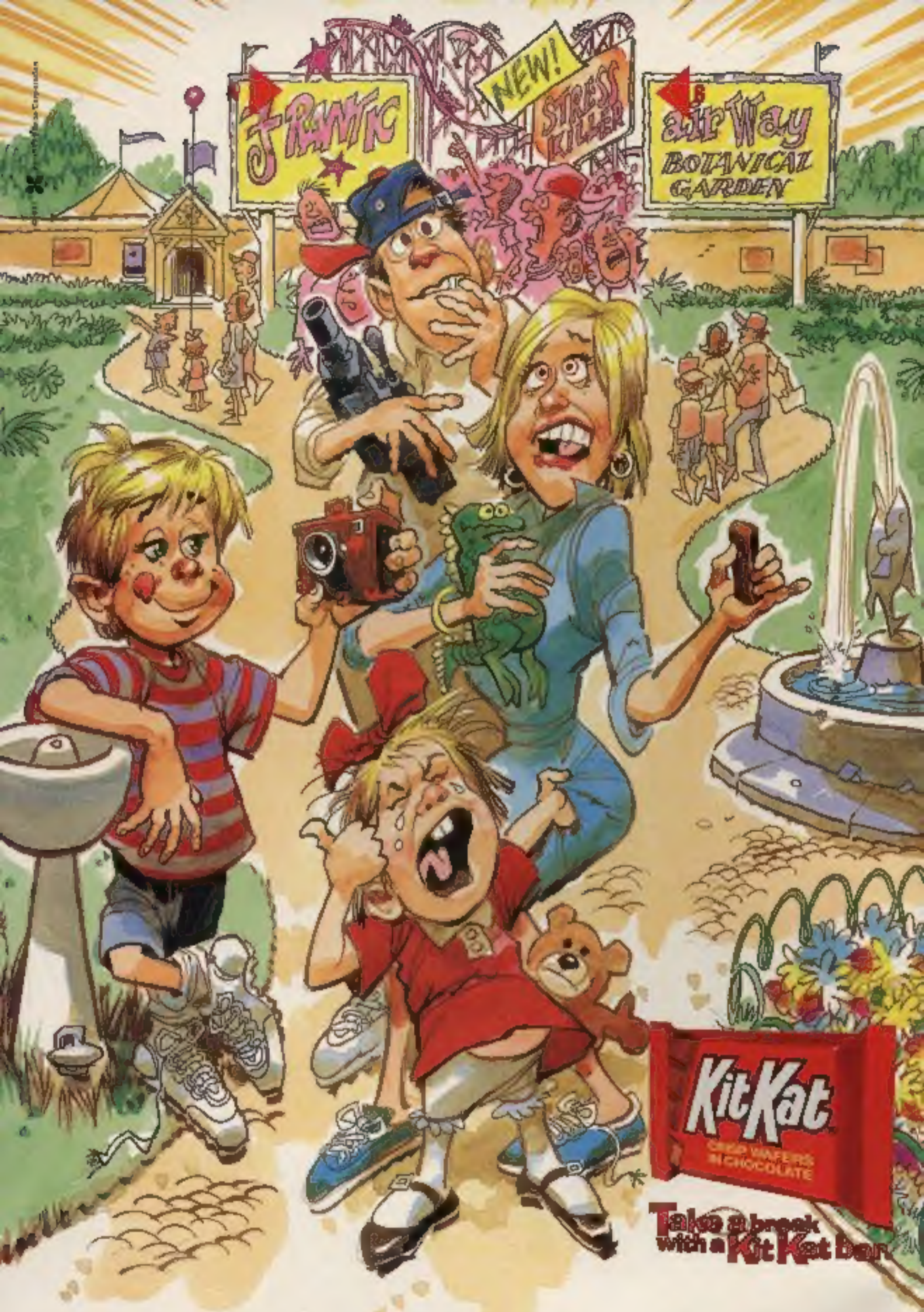
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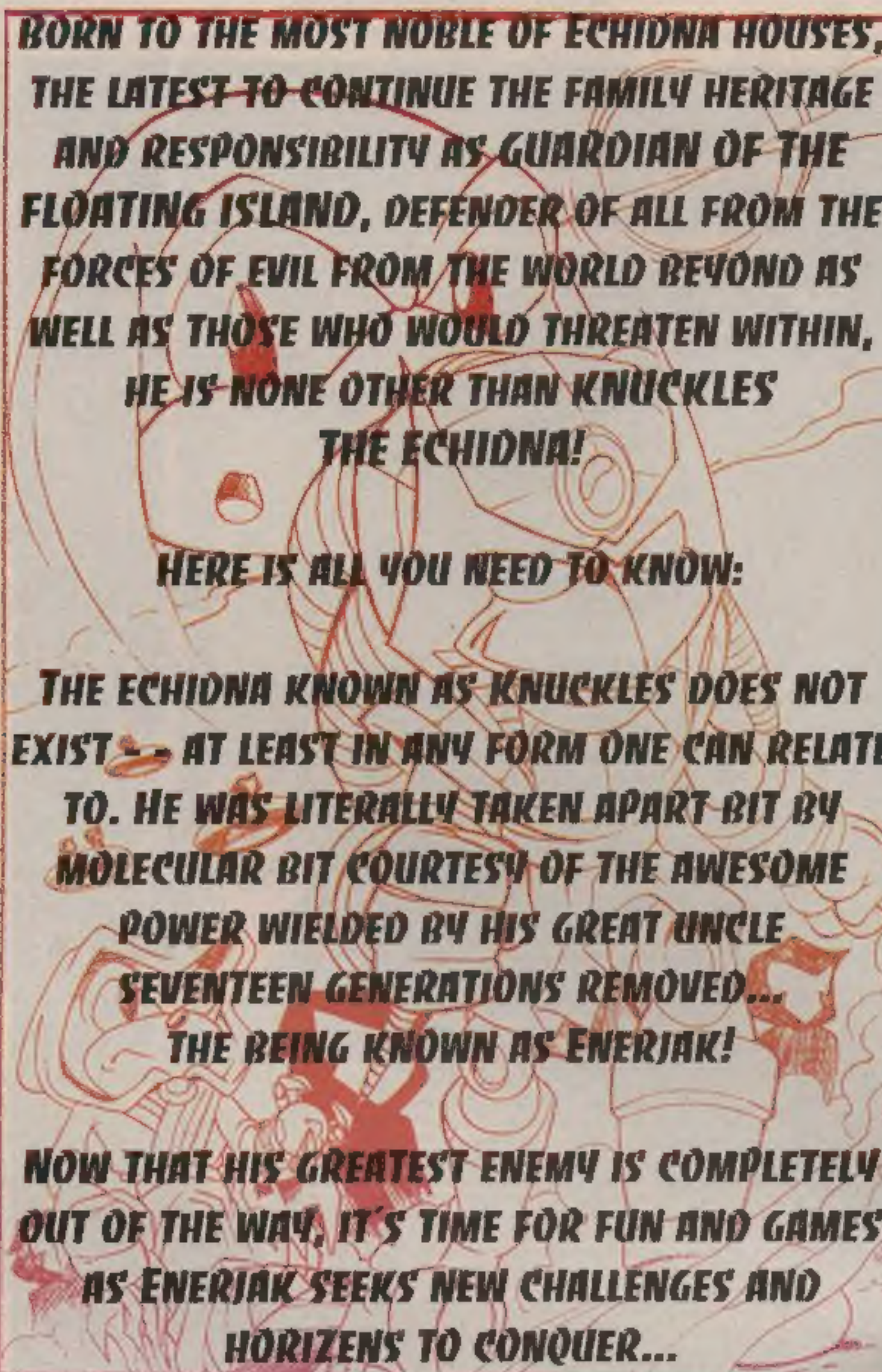
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**BORN TO THE MOST NOBLE OF ECHIDNA HOUSES,  
THE LATEST TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY HERITAGE  
AND RESPONSIBILITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE  
FLOATING ISLAND, DEFENDER OF ALL FROM THE  
FORCES OF EVIL FROM THE WORLD BEYOND AS  
WELL AS THOSE WHO WOULD THREATEN WITHIN,  
HE IS NONE OTHER THAN KNUCKLES  
THE ECHIDNA!**

**HERE IS ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

**THE ECHIDNA KNOWN AS KNUCKLES DOES NOT  
EXIST - - AT LEAST IN ANY FORM ONE CAN RELATE  
TO. HE WAS LITERALLY TAKEN APART BIT BY  
MOLECULAR BIT COURTESY OF THE AWESOME  
POWER WIELDED BY HIS GREAT UNCLE  
SEVENTEEN GENERATIONS REMOVED...**

**THE BEING KNOWN AS ENERJAK!**

**NOW THAT HIS GREATEST ENEMY IS COMPLETELY  
OUT OF THE WAY, IT'S TIME FOR FUN AND GAMES  
AS ENERJAK SEEKS NEW CHALLENGES AND  
HORIZONS TO CONQUER...**



BEFORE YOU IS THE GOLDEN ARCH THAT  
WILL TAKE YOU TO THE PROMISED LAND--

--NONE OTHER  
THAN THE CITY  
ECHIDNAS HAVE  
CHRISTENED--

--ECHIDNAOPOLIS!

LORD  
ENERJAK--

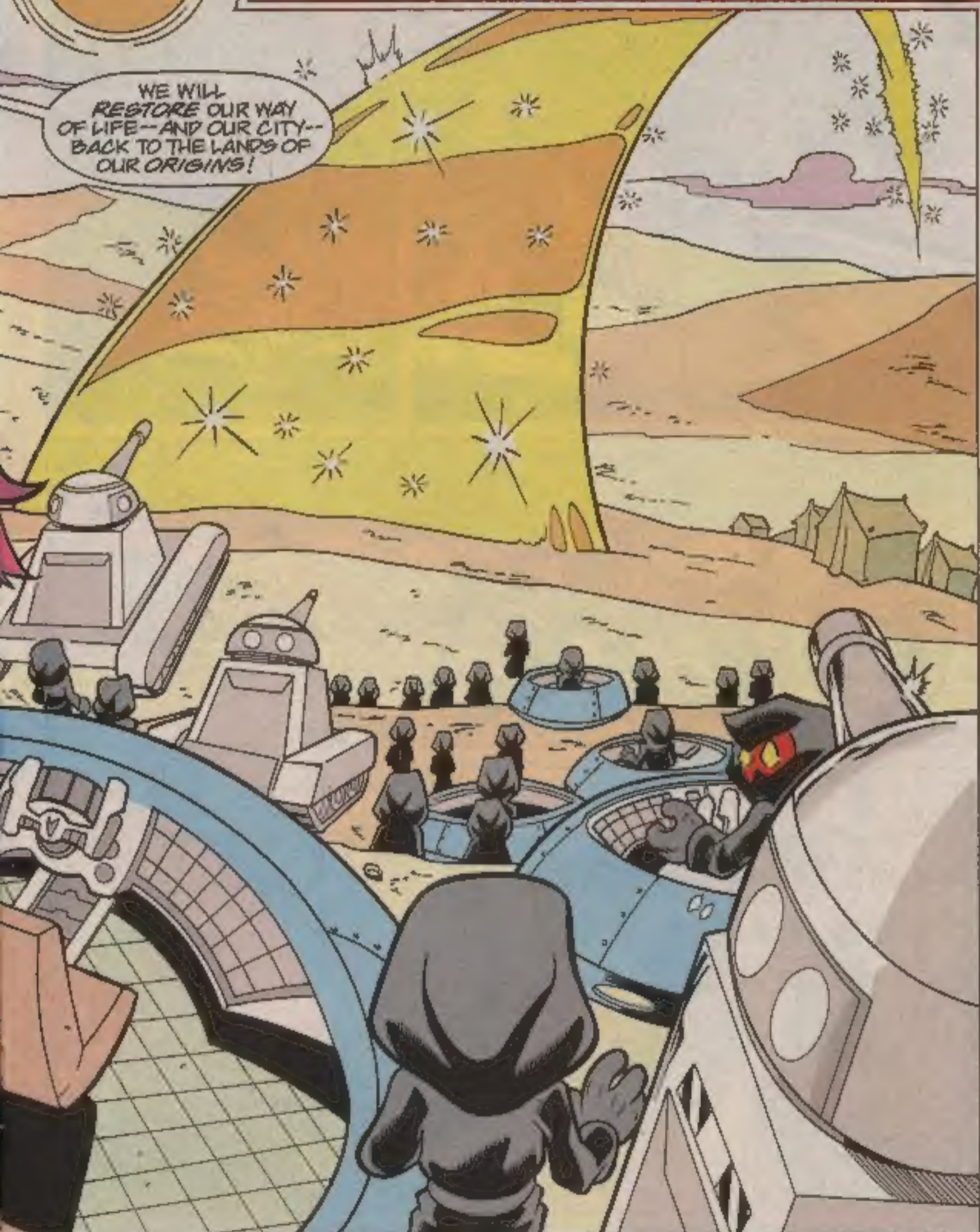
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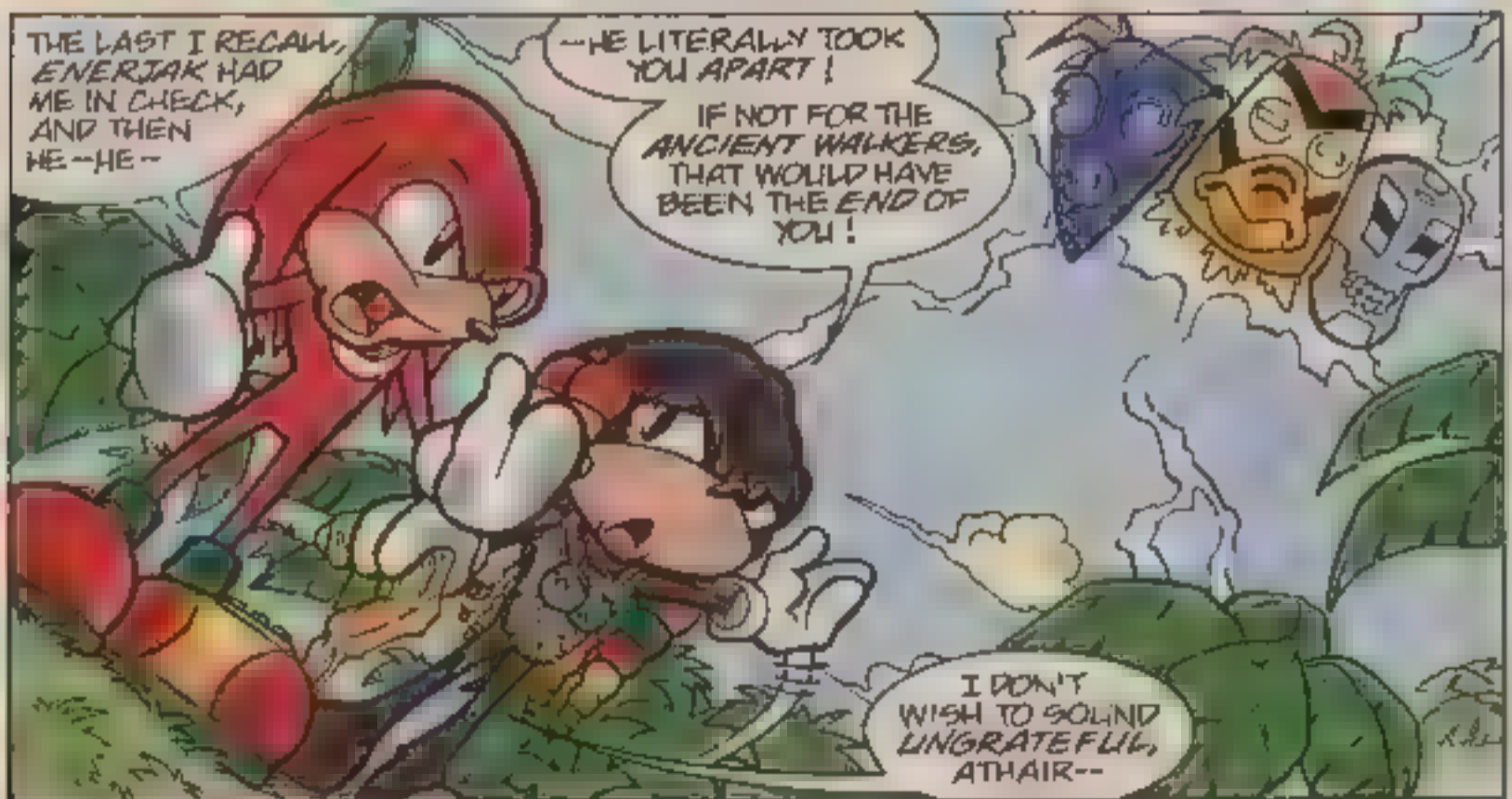
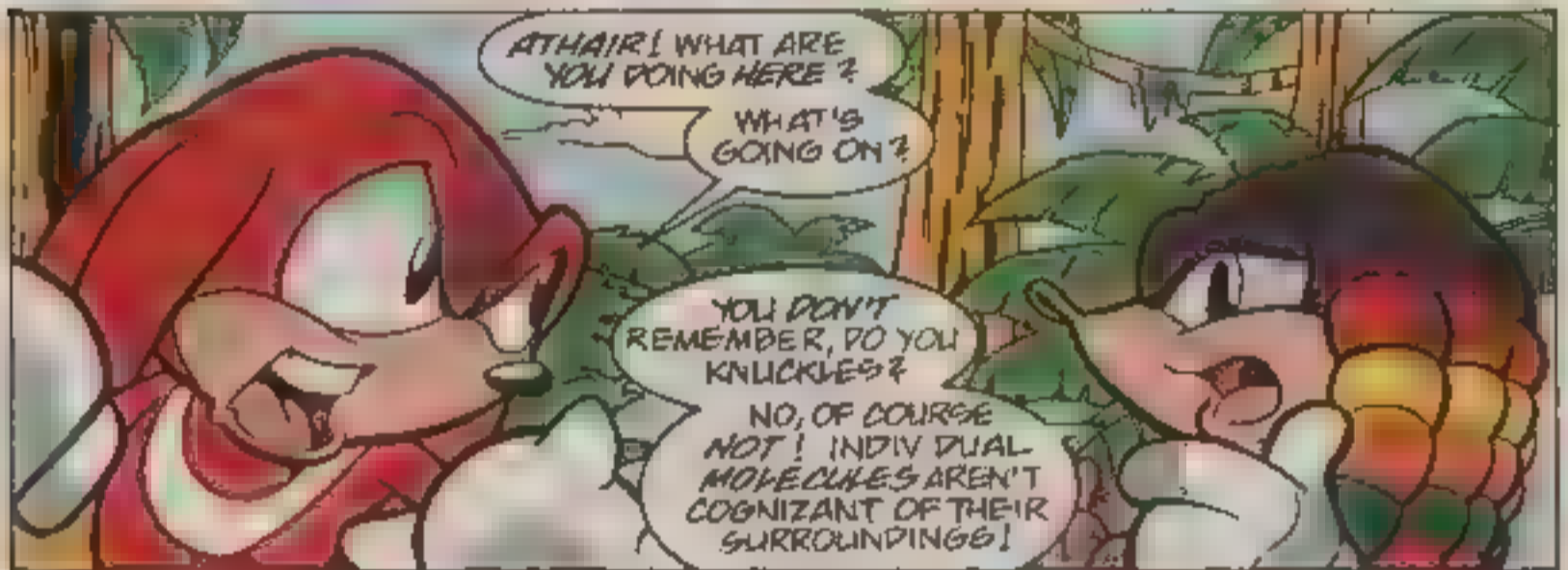
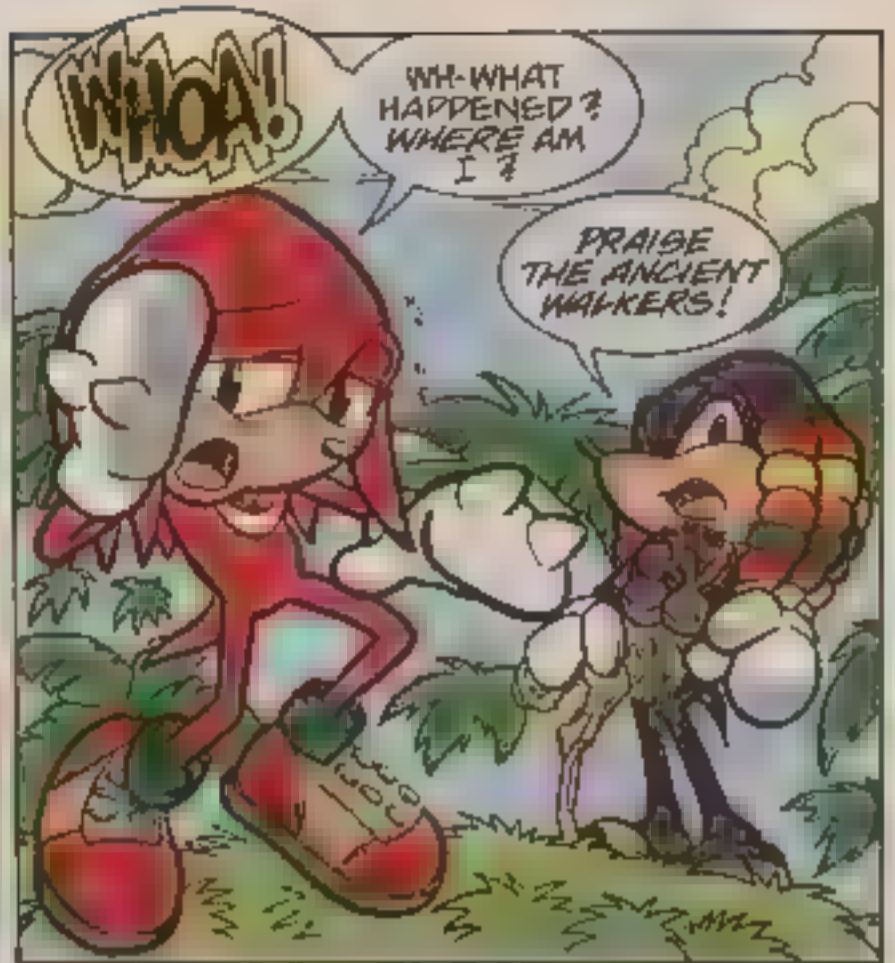


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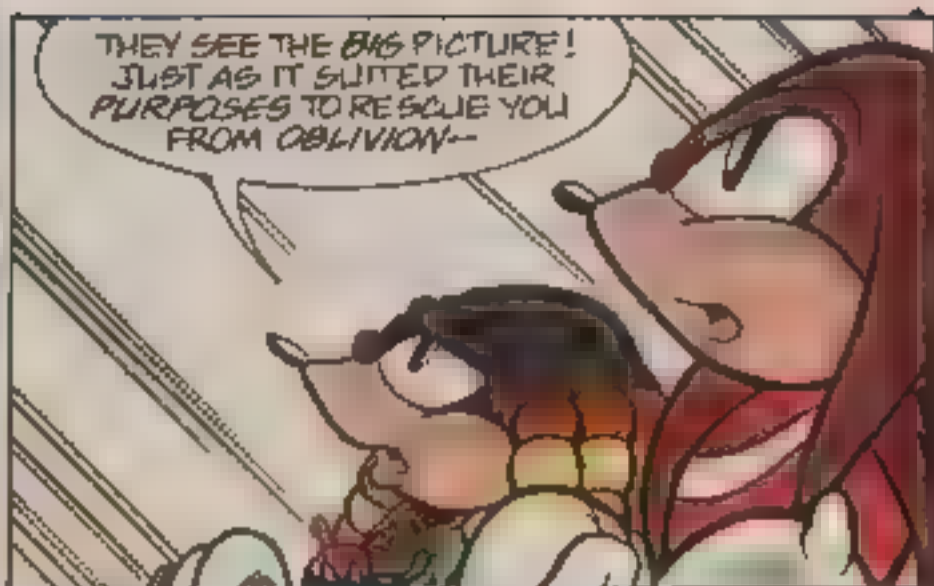
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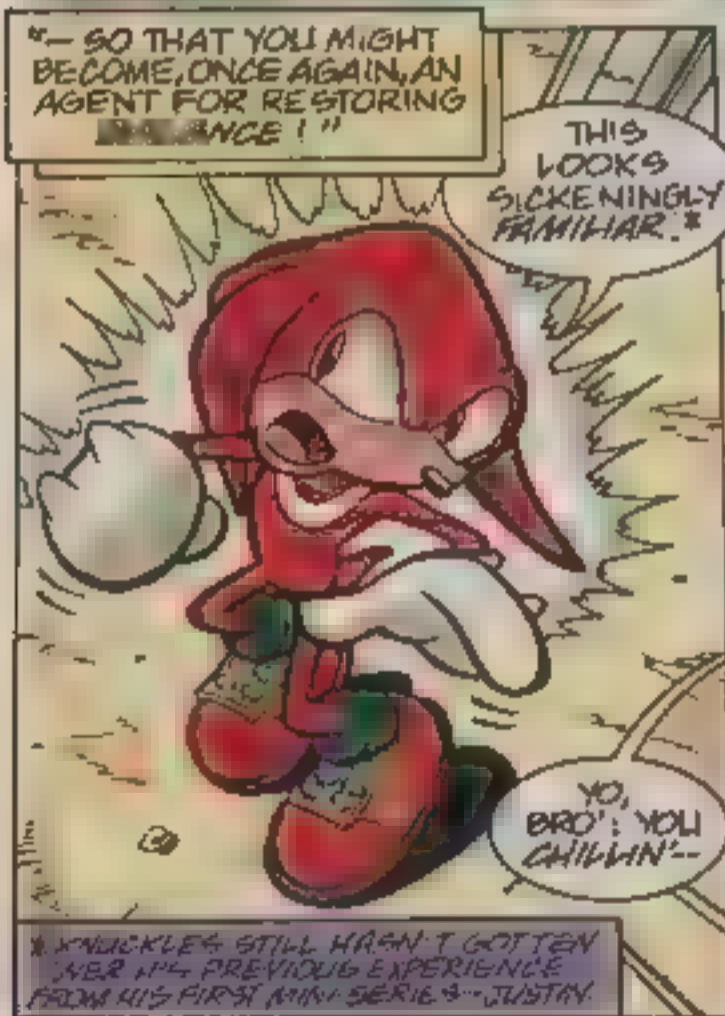
EVERYTHING THE ANCIENT WALKERS DOES HAS A REASON TO IT, KNUCKLES!



THEY SEE THE BIG PICTURE! JUST AS IT SUITED THEIR PURPOSES TO RESCUE YOU FROM OBLIVION--



"--IT NOW MATTERS THAT YOU BE SENT ALONG ON YOUR WAY--"



"-- SO THAT YOU MIGHT BECOME, ONCE AGAIN, AN AGENT FOR RESTORING BALANCE!"

THIS LOOKS SICKENINGLY FAMILIAR.?

YO, BRO': YOU CHILIN'--

\* KNUCKLES STILL HADN'T GOTTEN HER 114 PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FROM HIS FIRST MINI-SERIES-- JUSTAY.

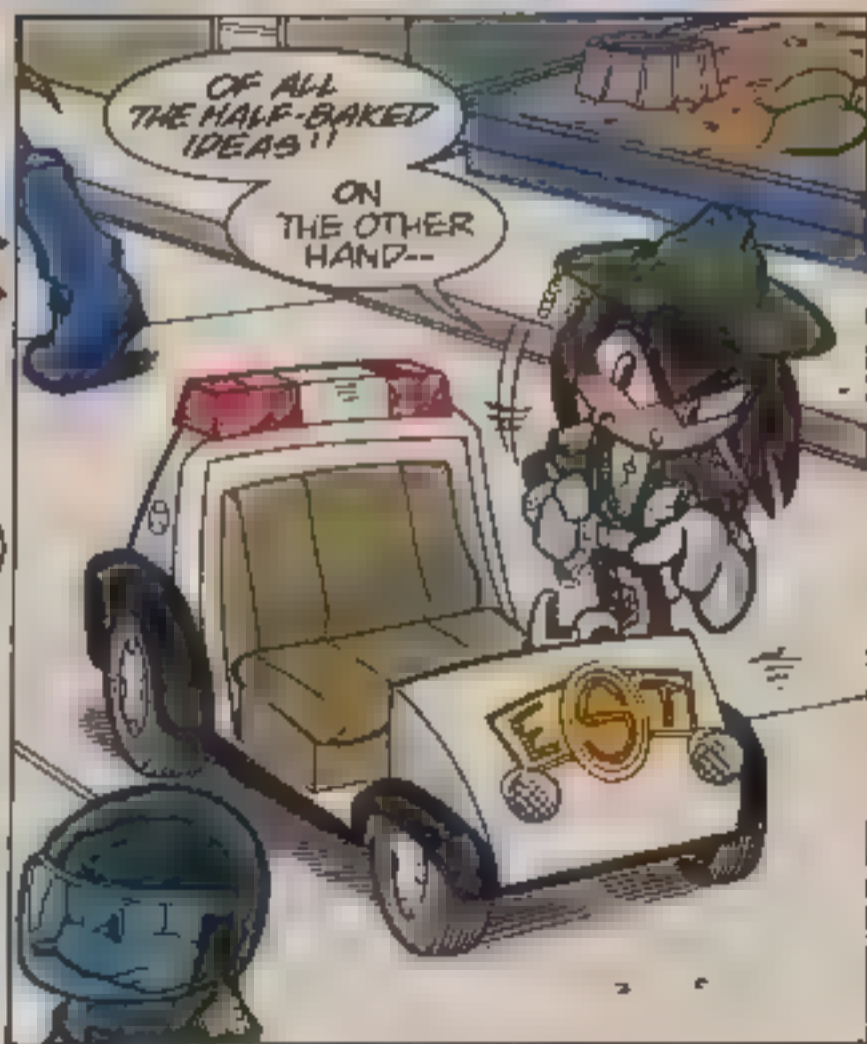
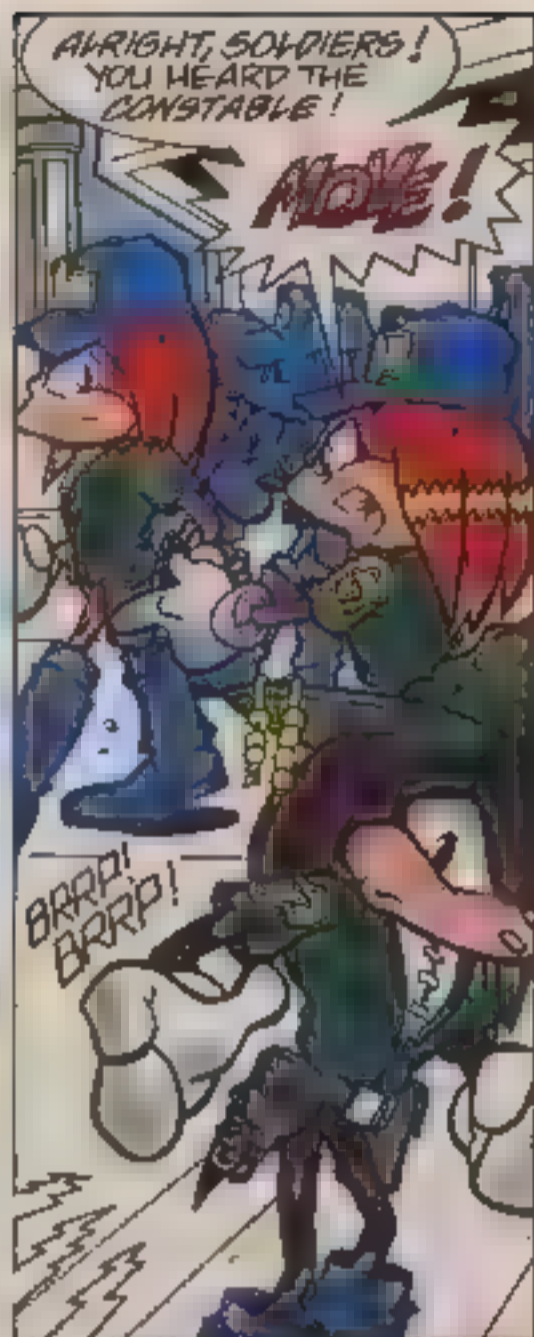


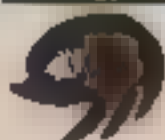
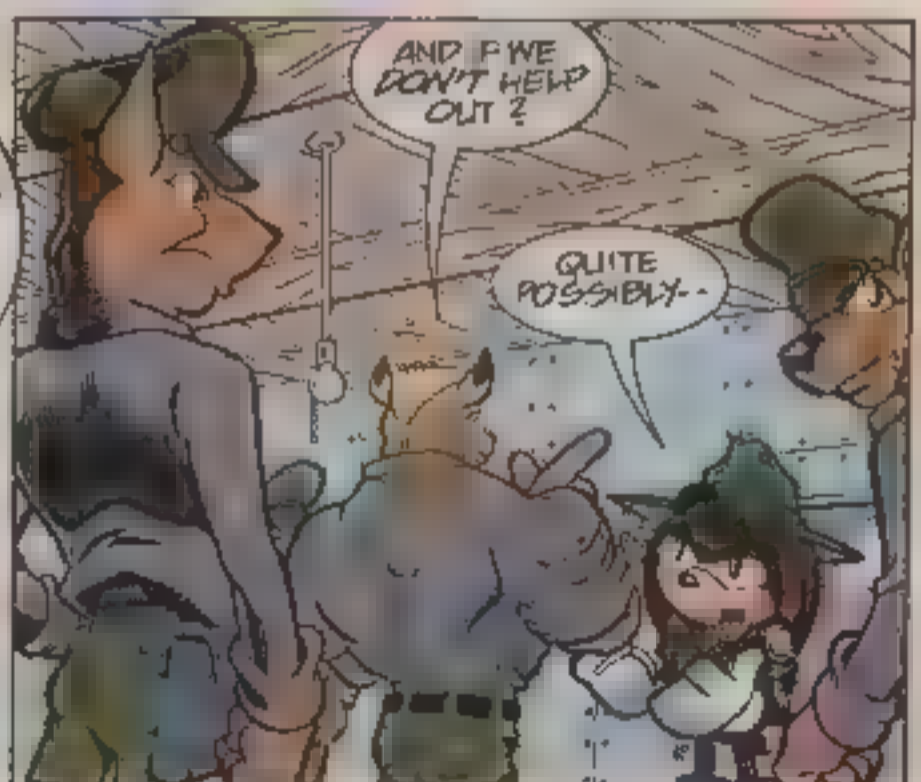
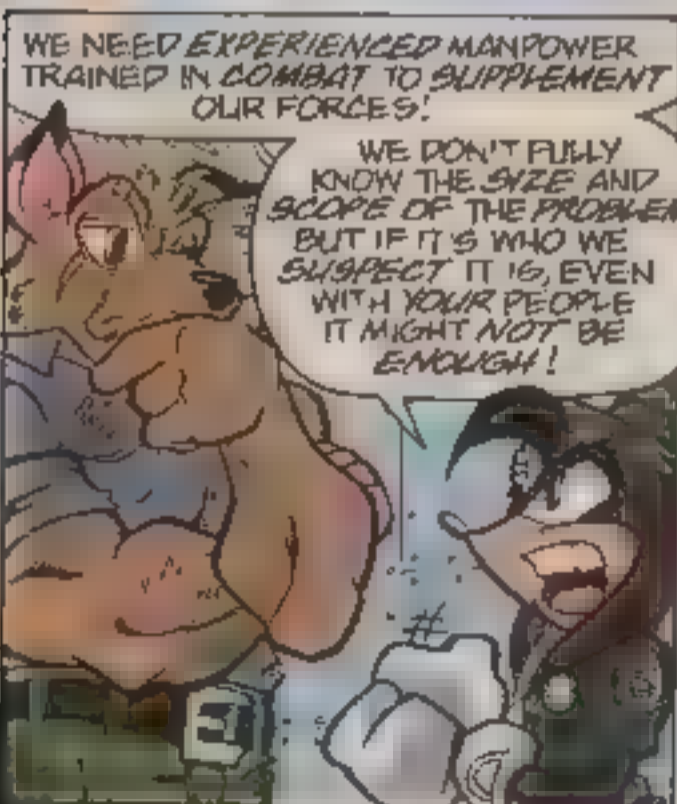
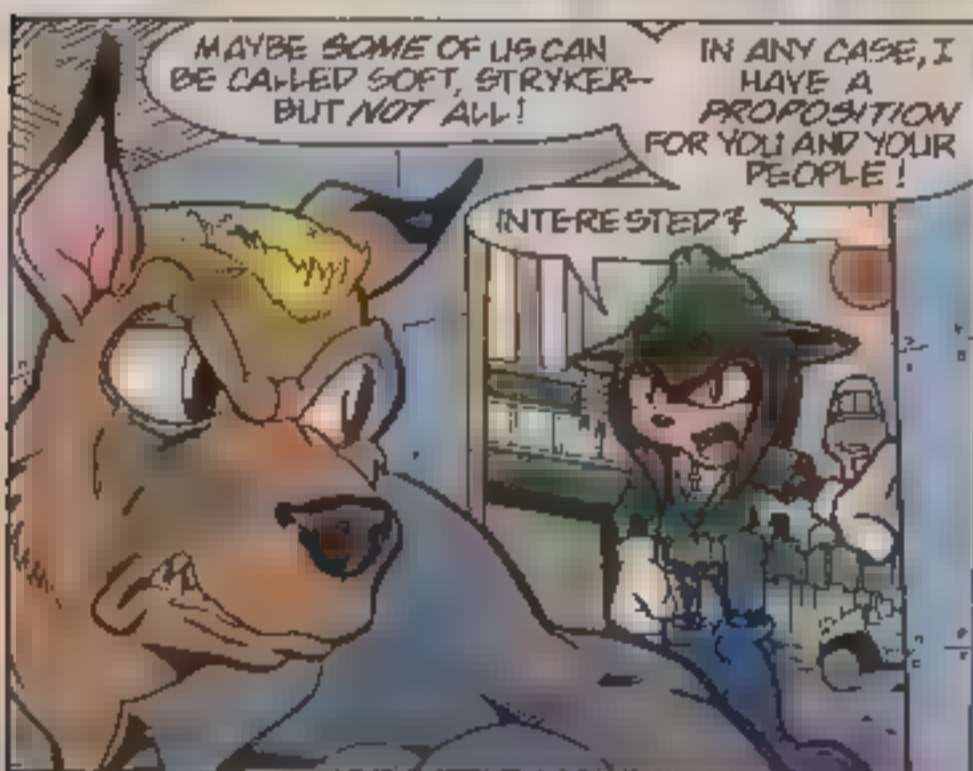
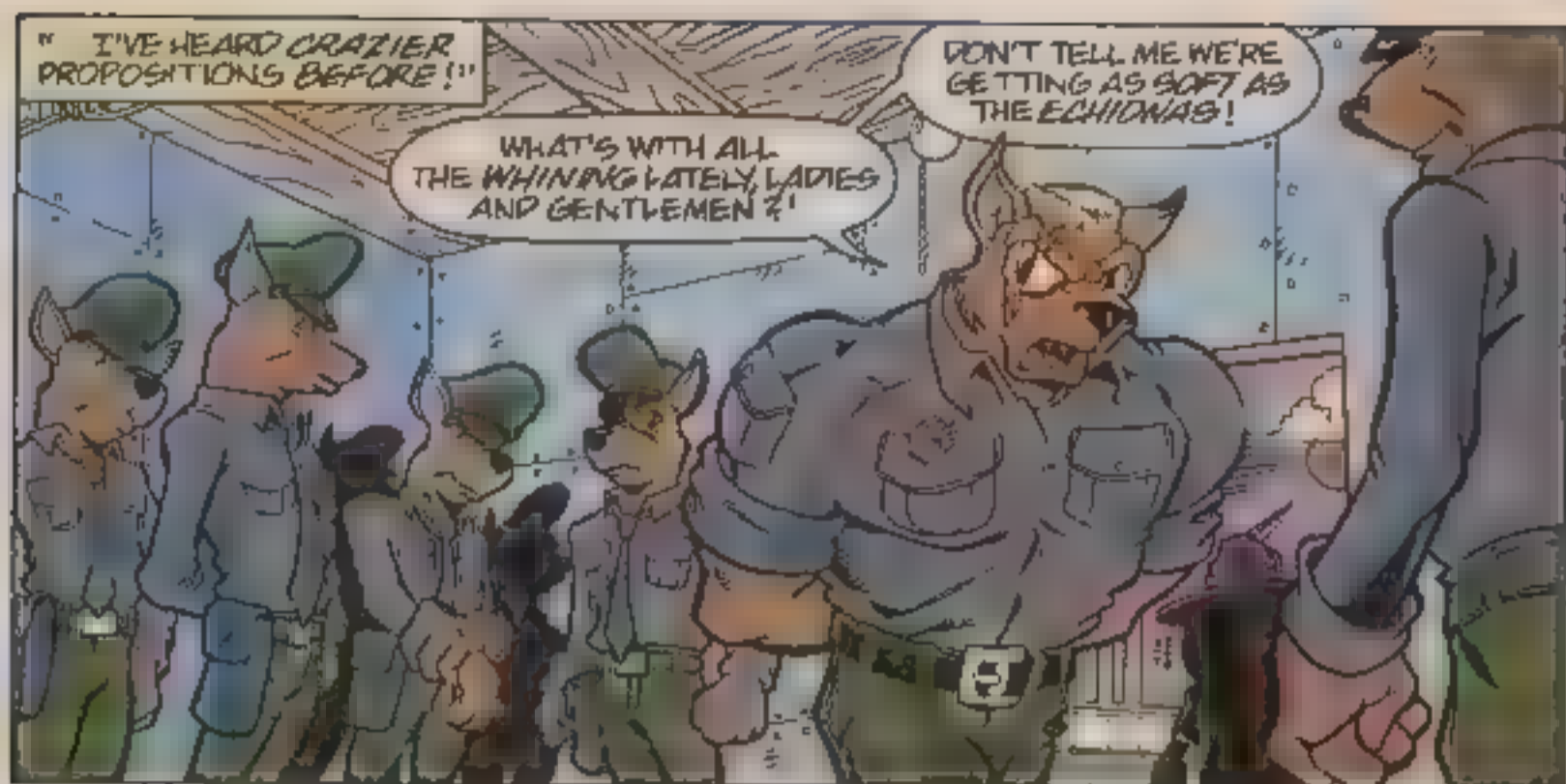
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WHAT THE--?!

--OR GRILLIN'?



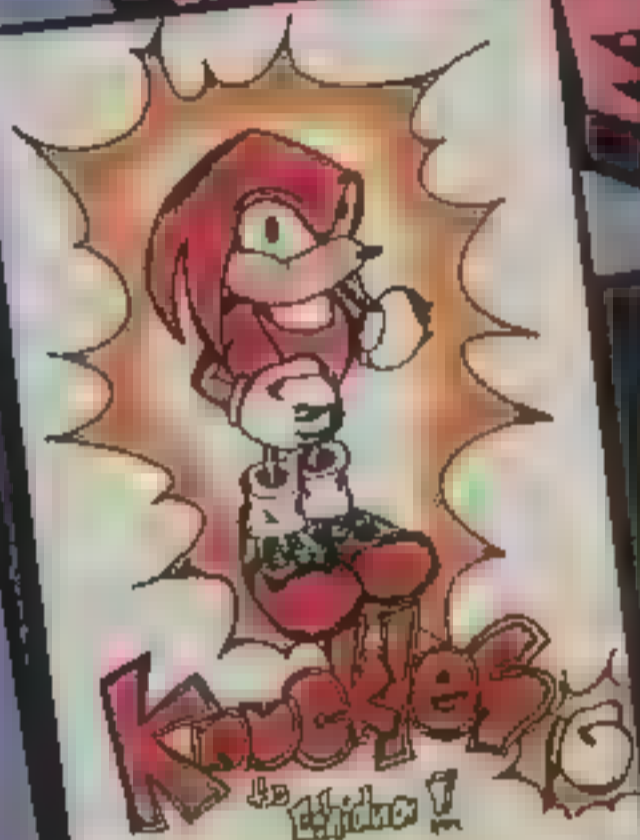






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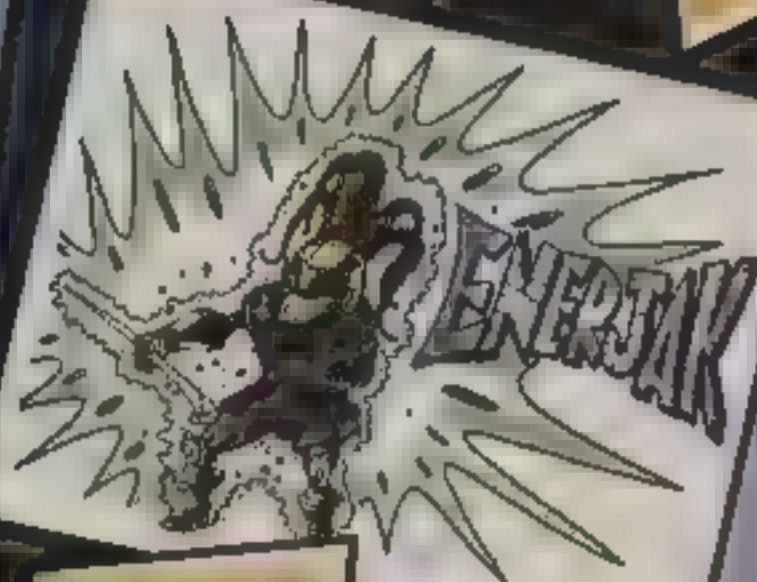


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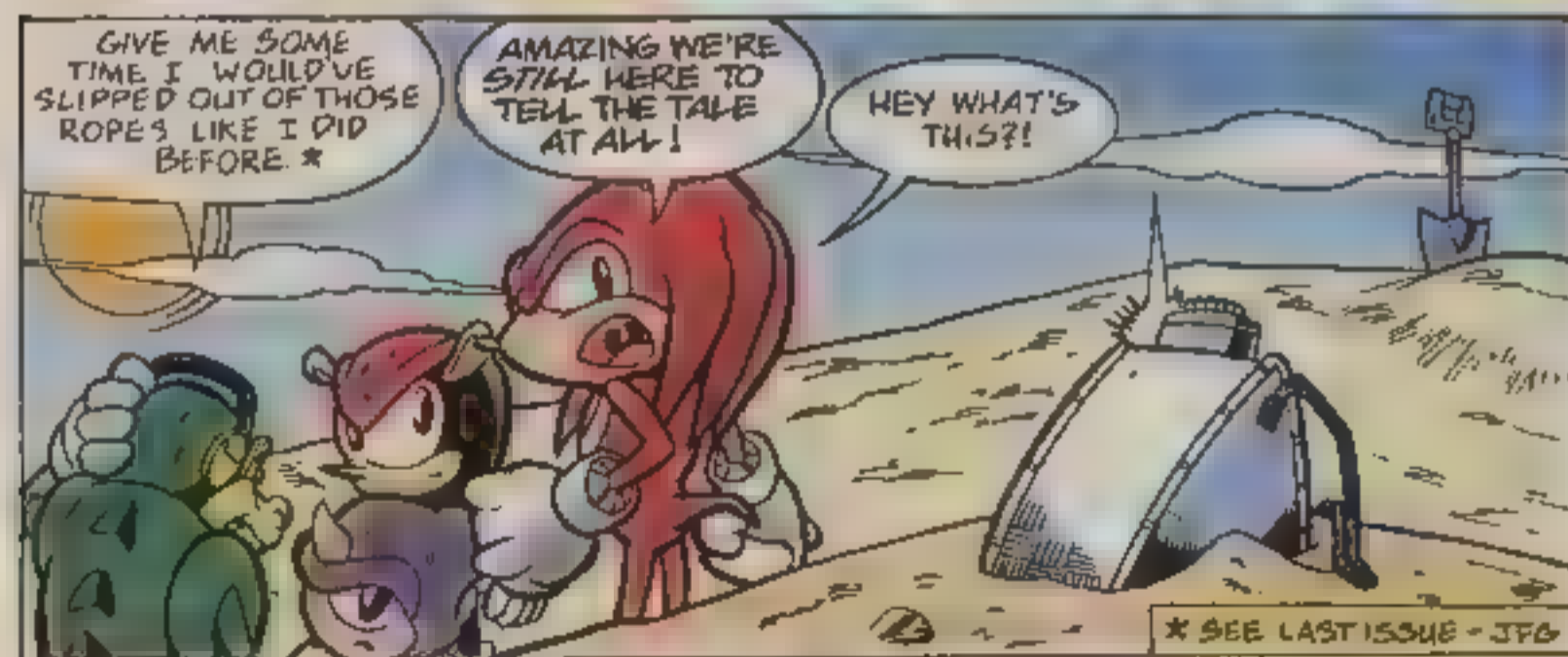
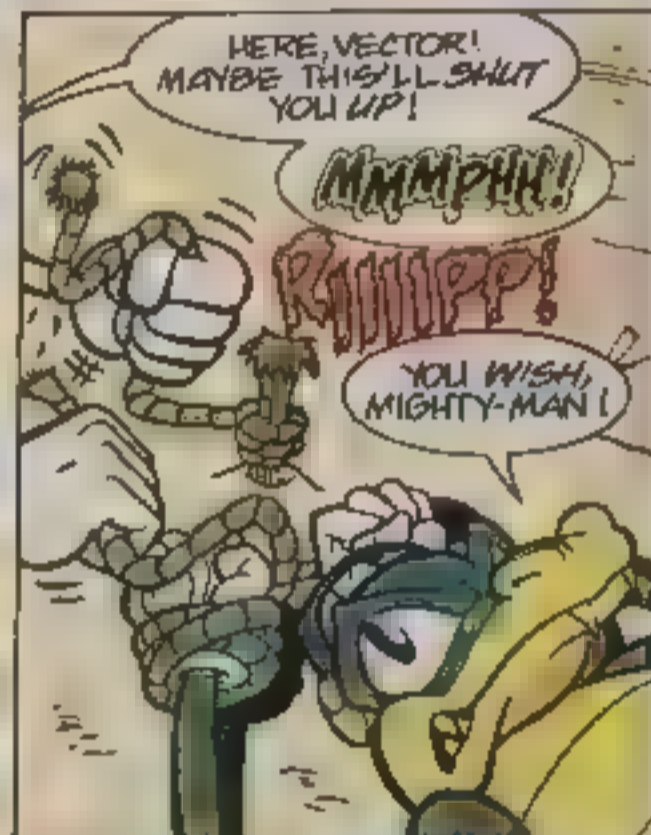
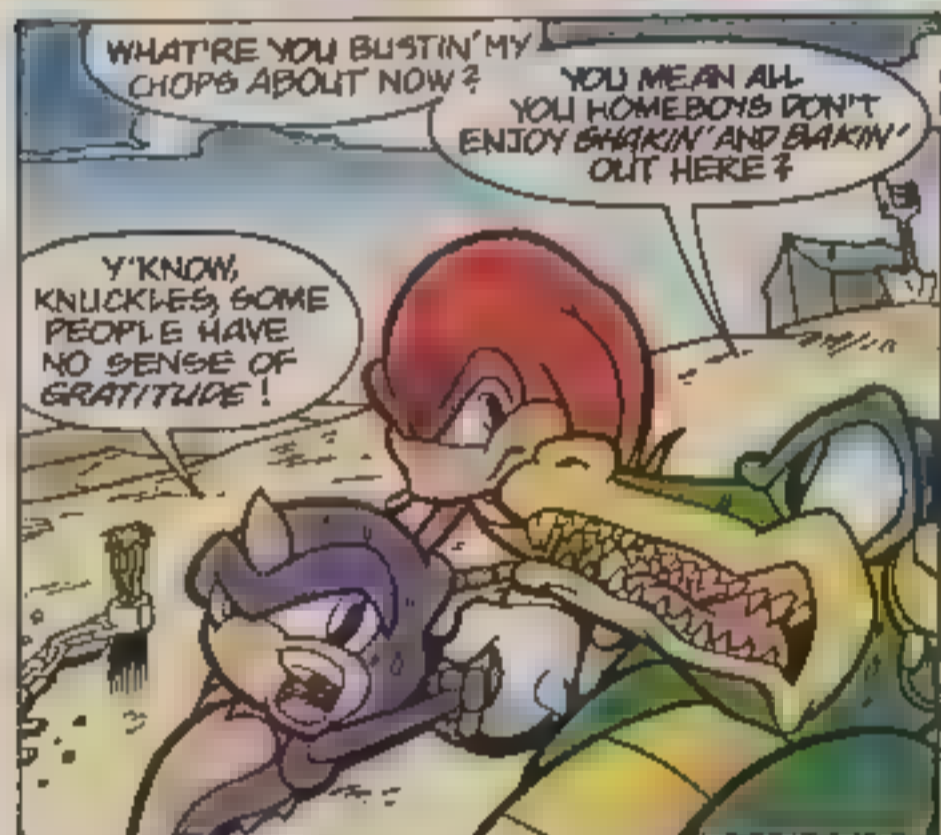
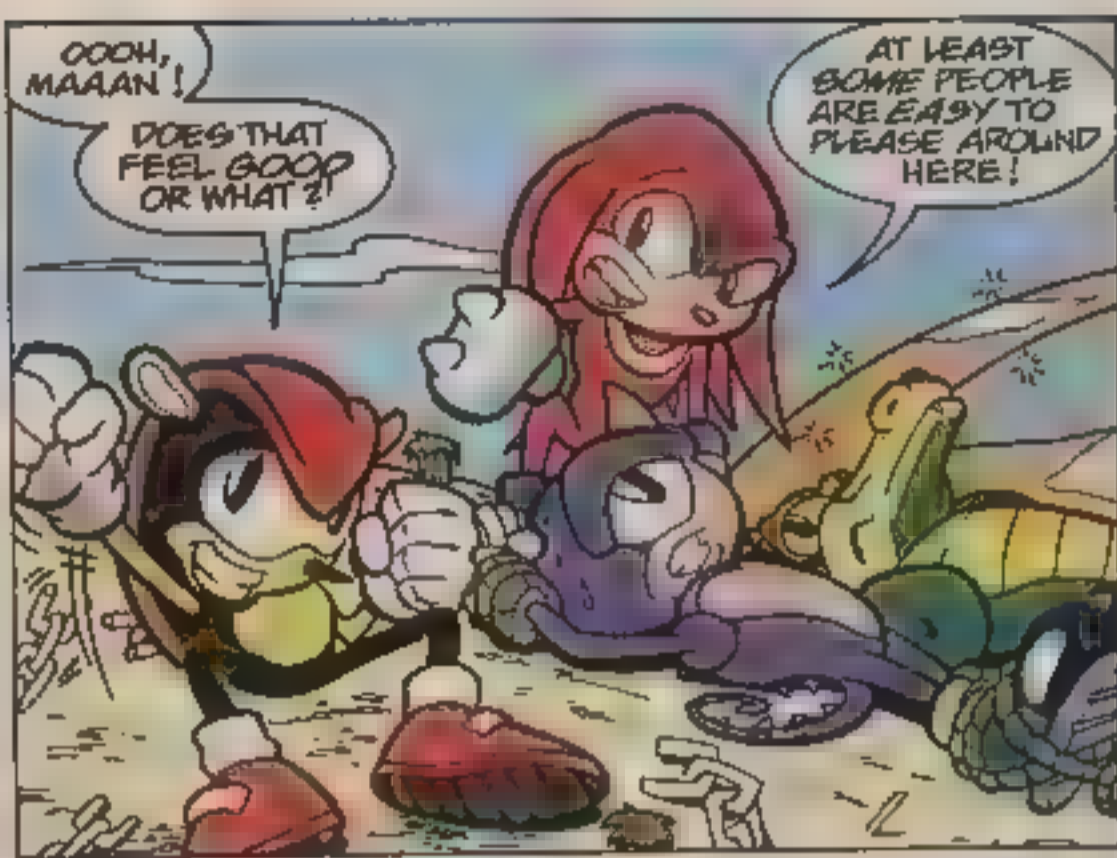
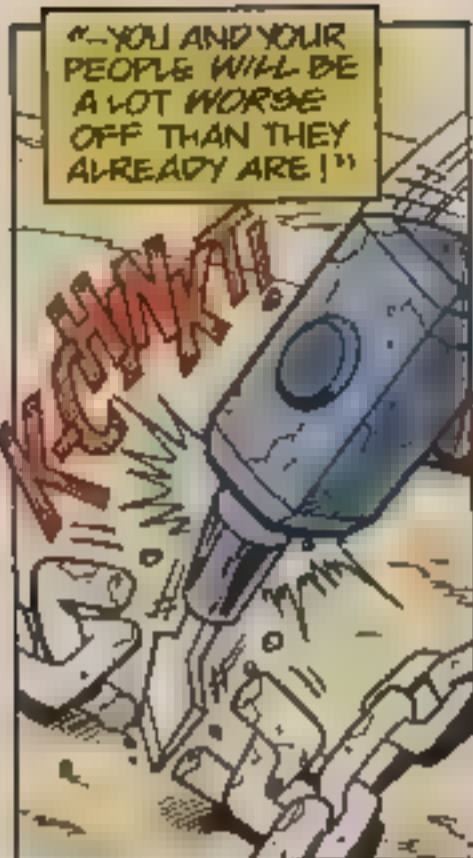


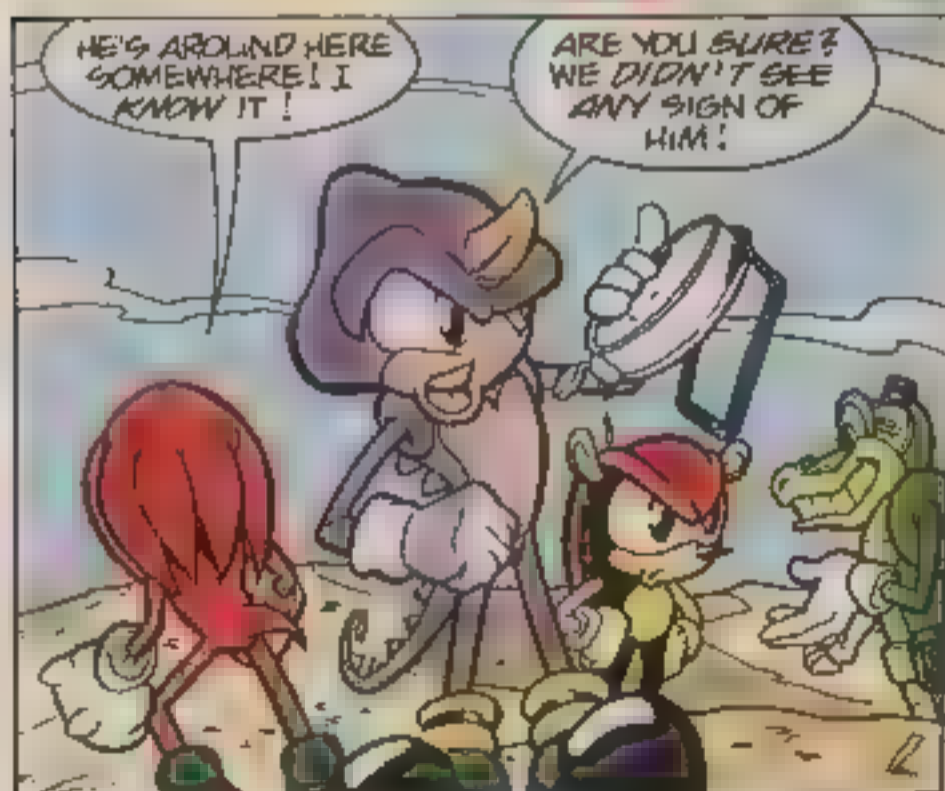
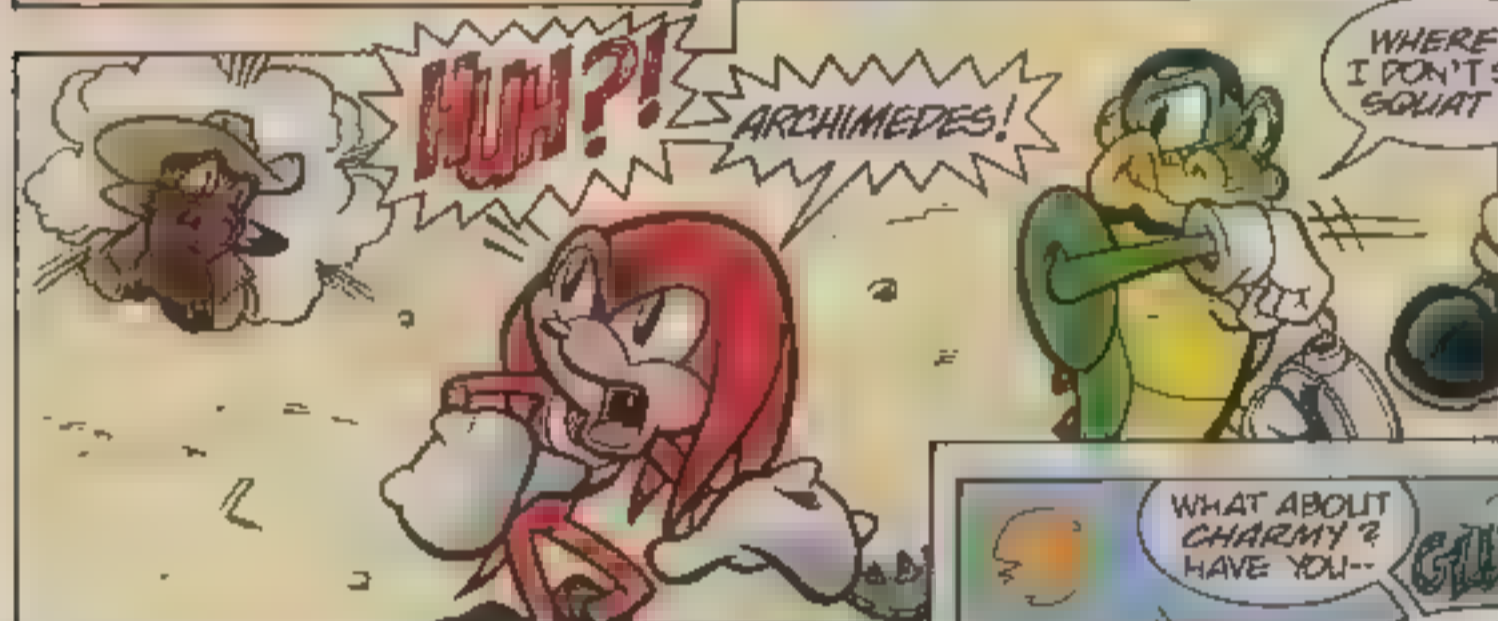
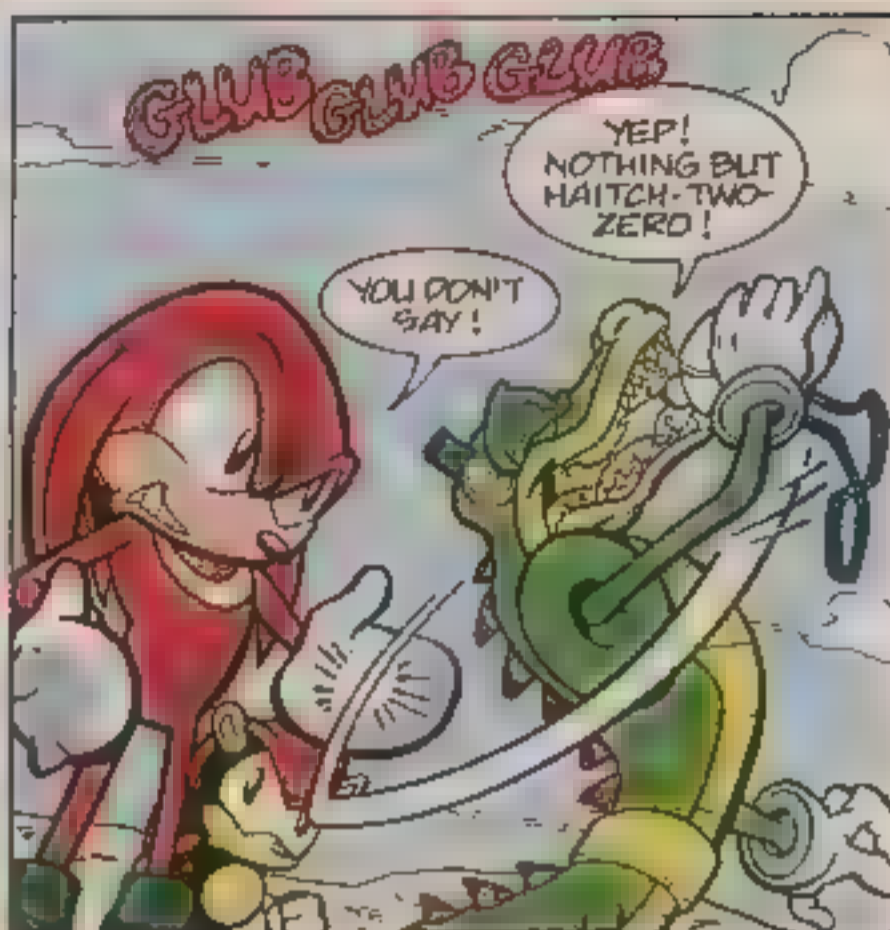
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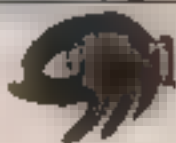
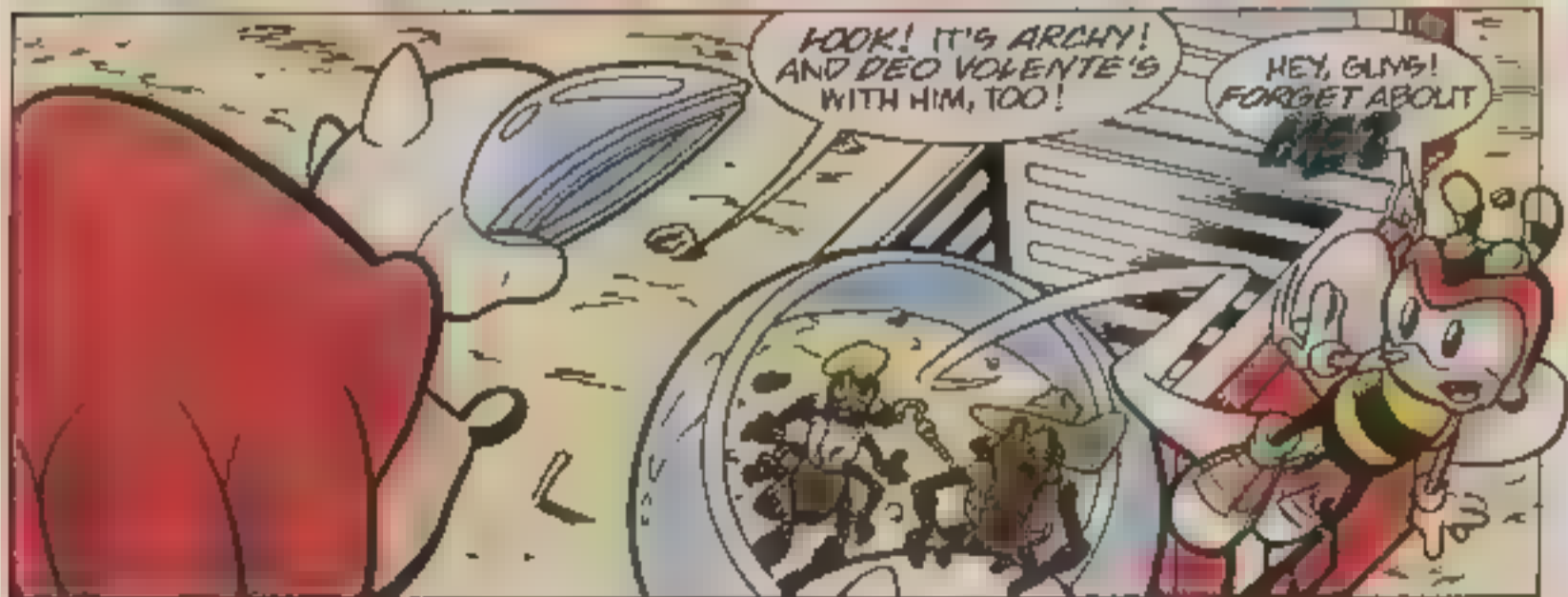
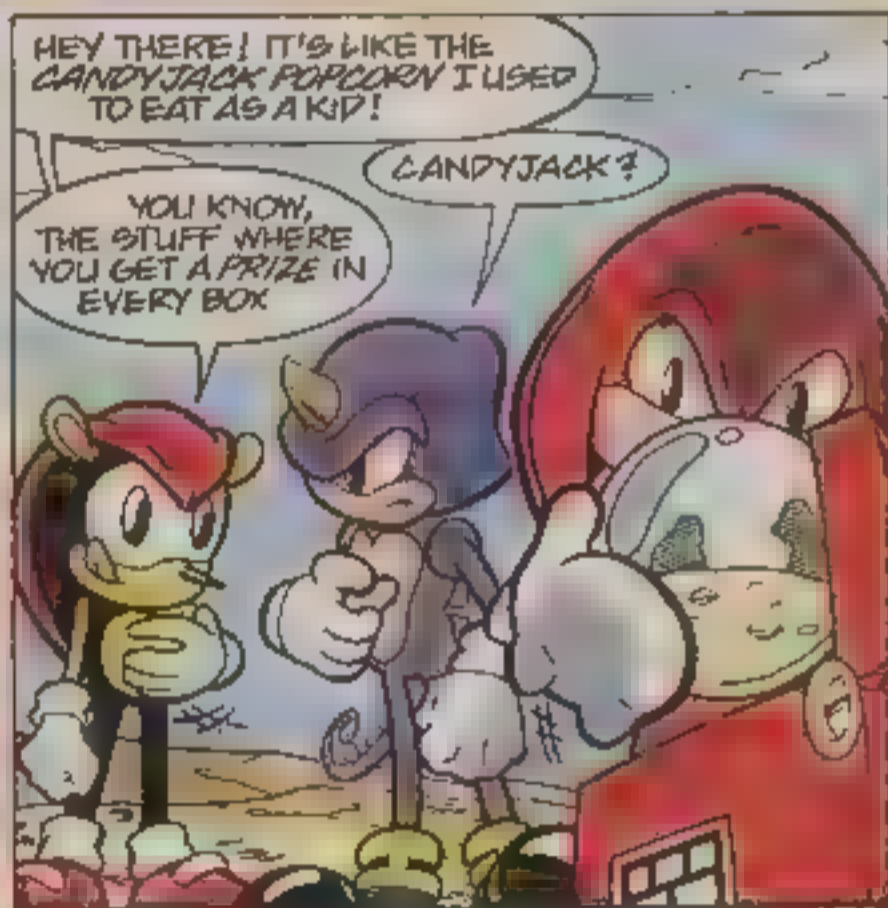
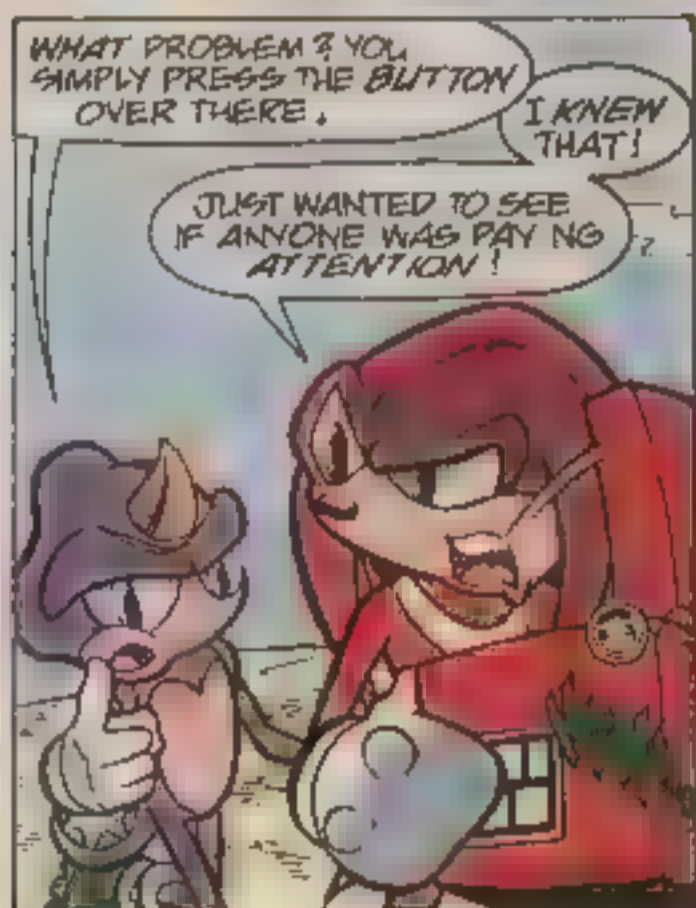
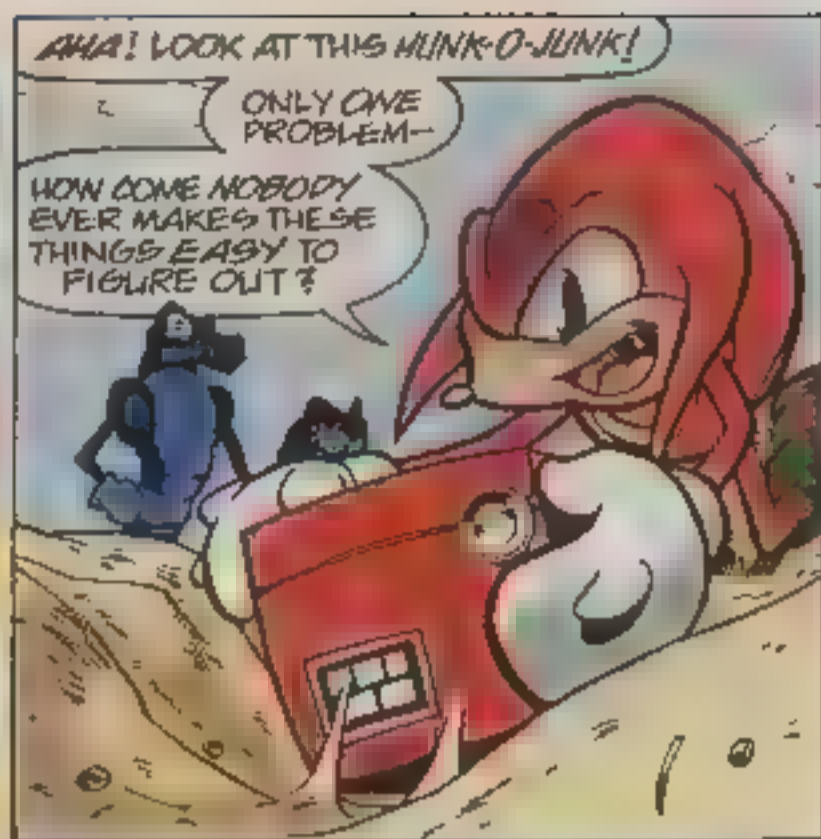
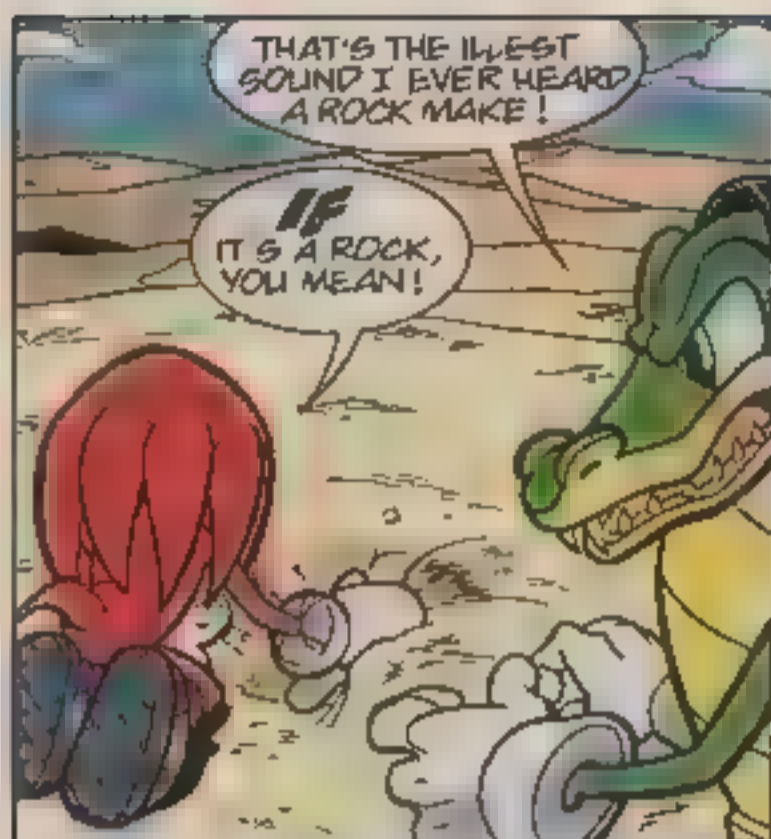


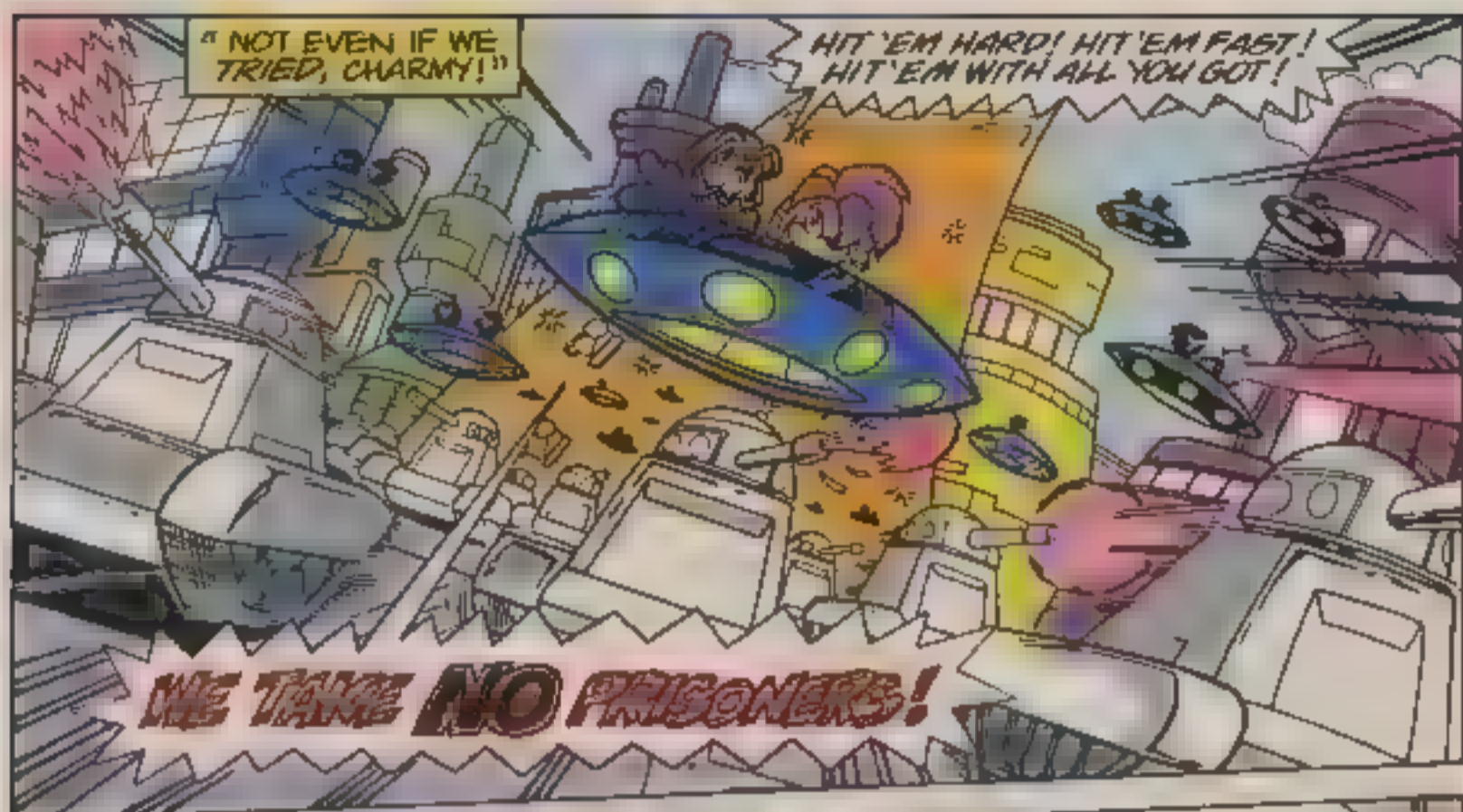
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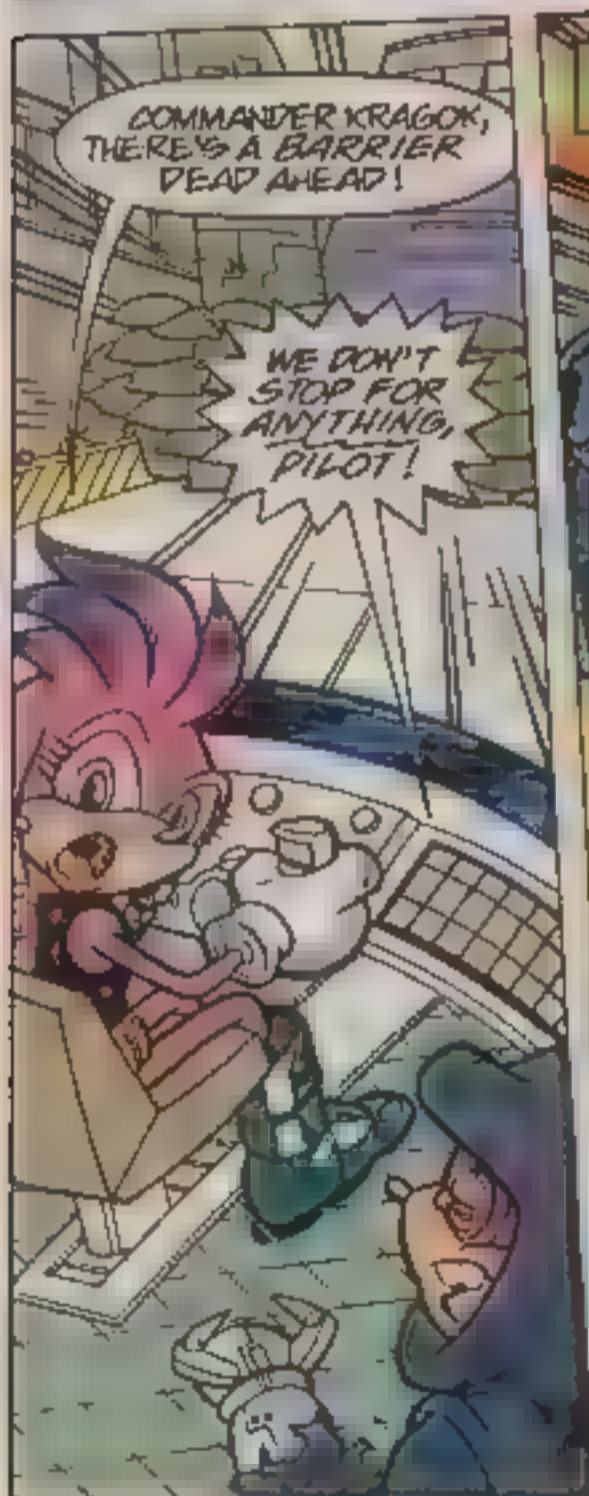




"NOT EVEN IF WE TRIED, CHARMY!"

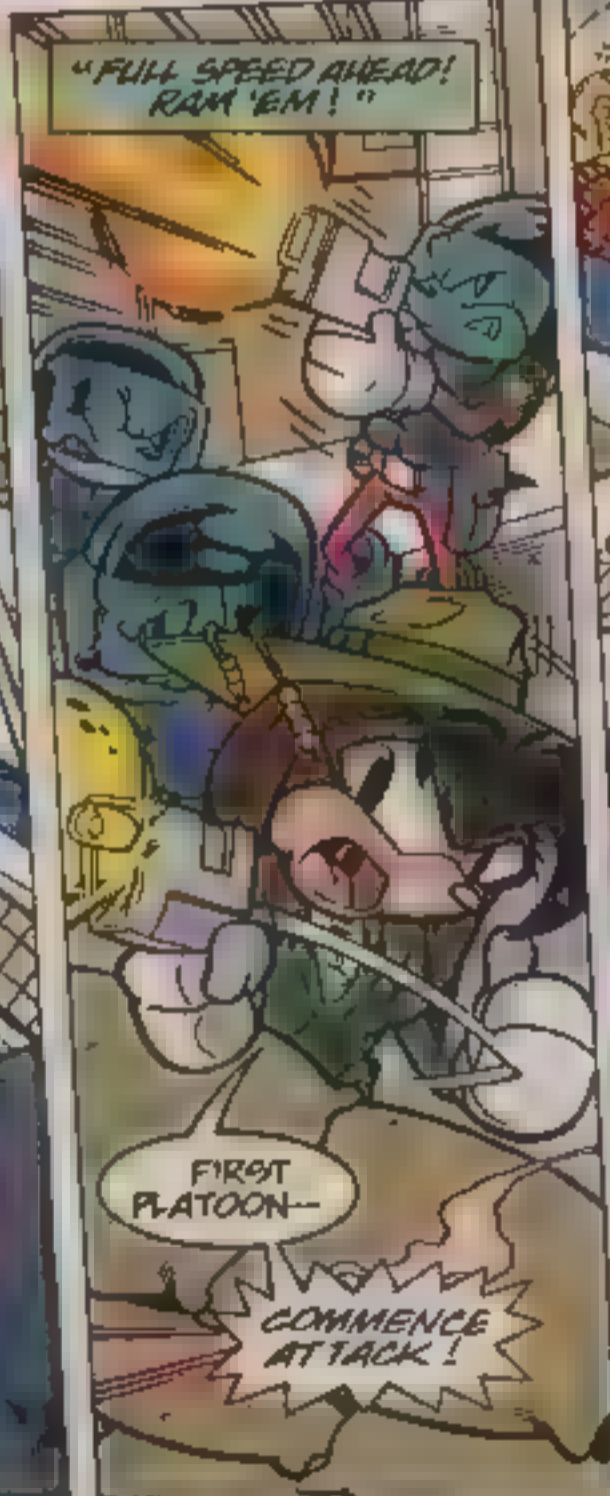
HIT 'EM HARD! HIT 'EM FAST!  
HIT 'EM WITH ALL YOU GOT!

**WE TAKE NO PRISONERS!**



COMMANDER KRAGOK,  
THERE'S A BARRIER  
DEAD AHEAD!

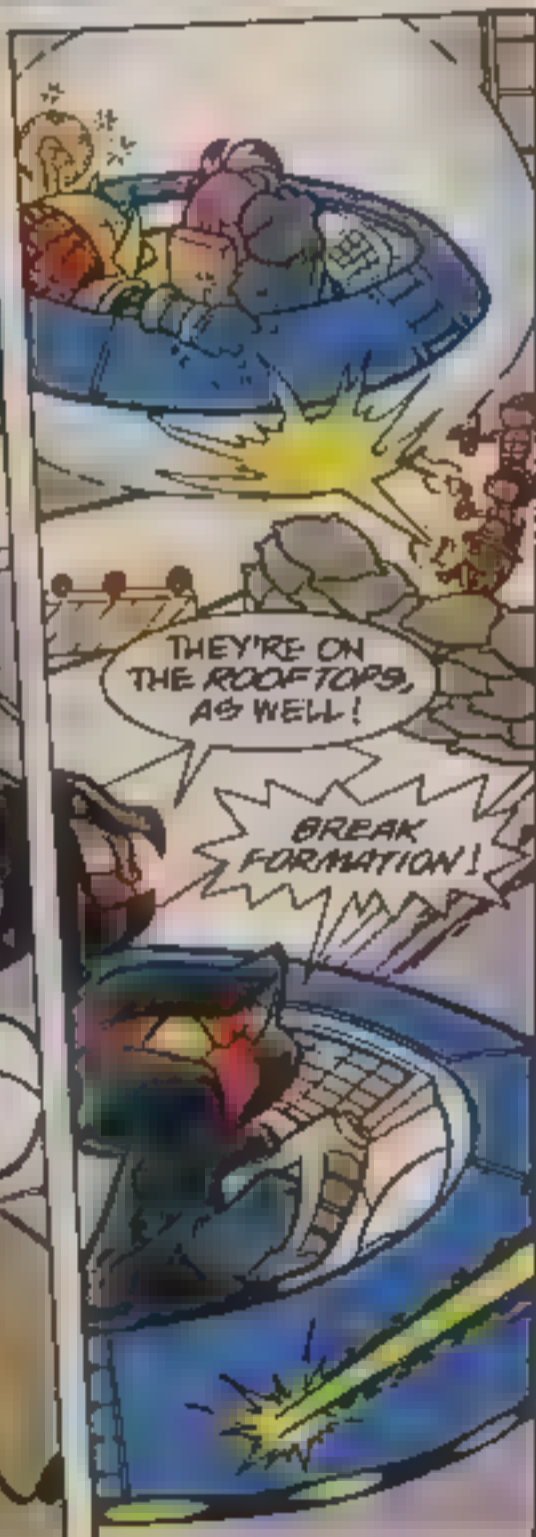
WE DON'T  
STOP FOR  
ANYTHING,  
PILOT!



"FULL SPEED AHEAD!  
RAM 'EM!""

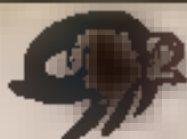
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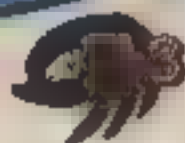
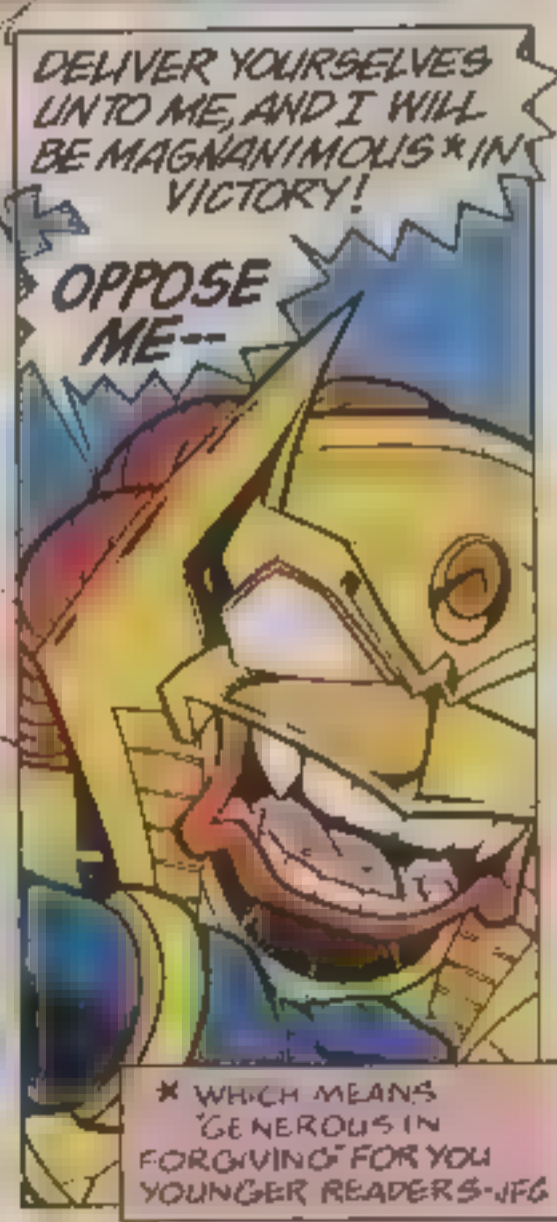
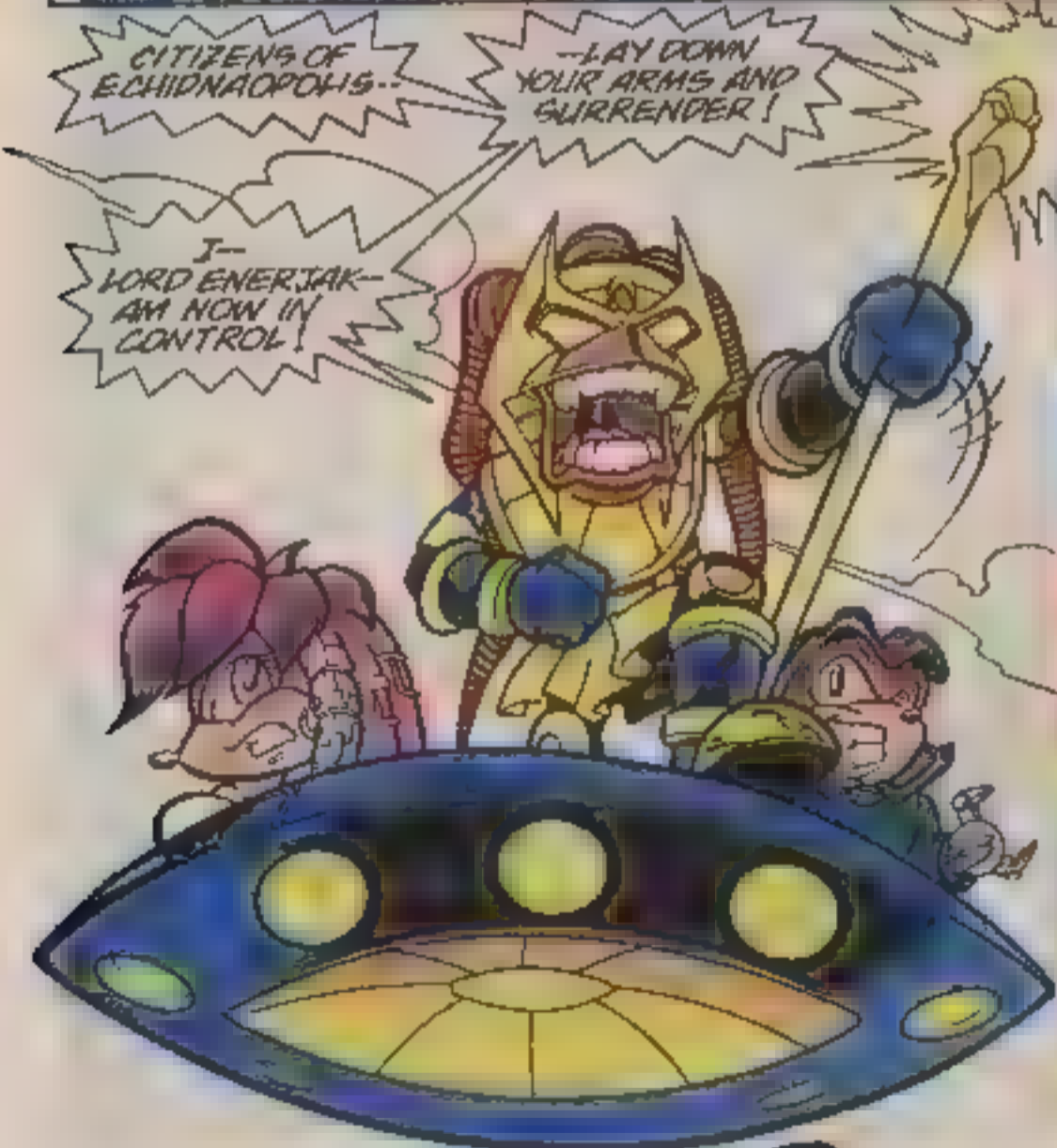
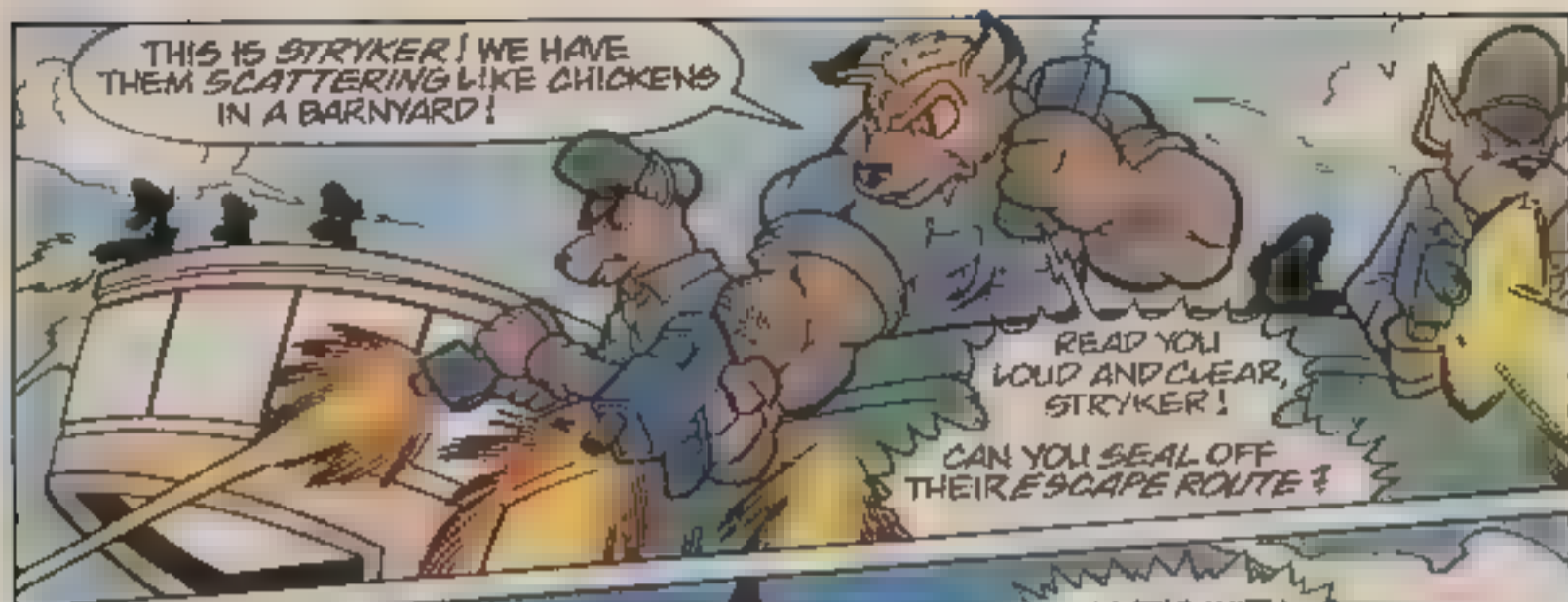
COMMENCE  
ATTACK!

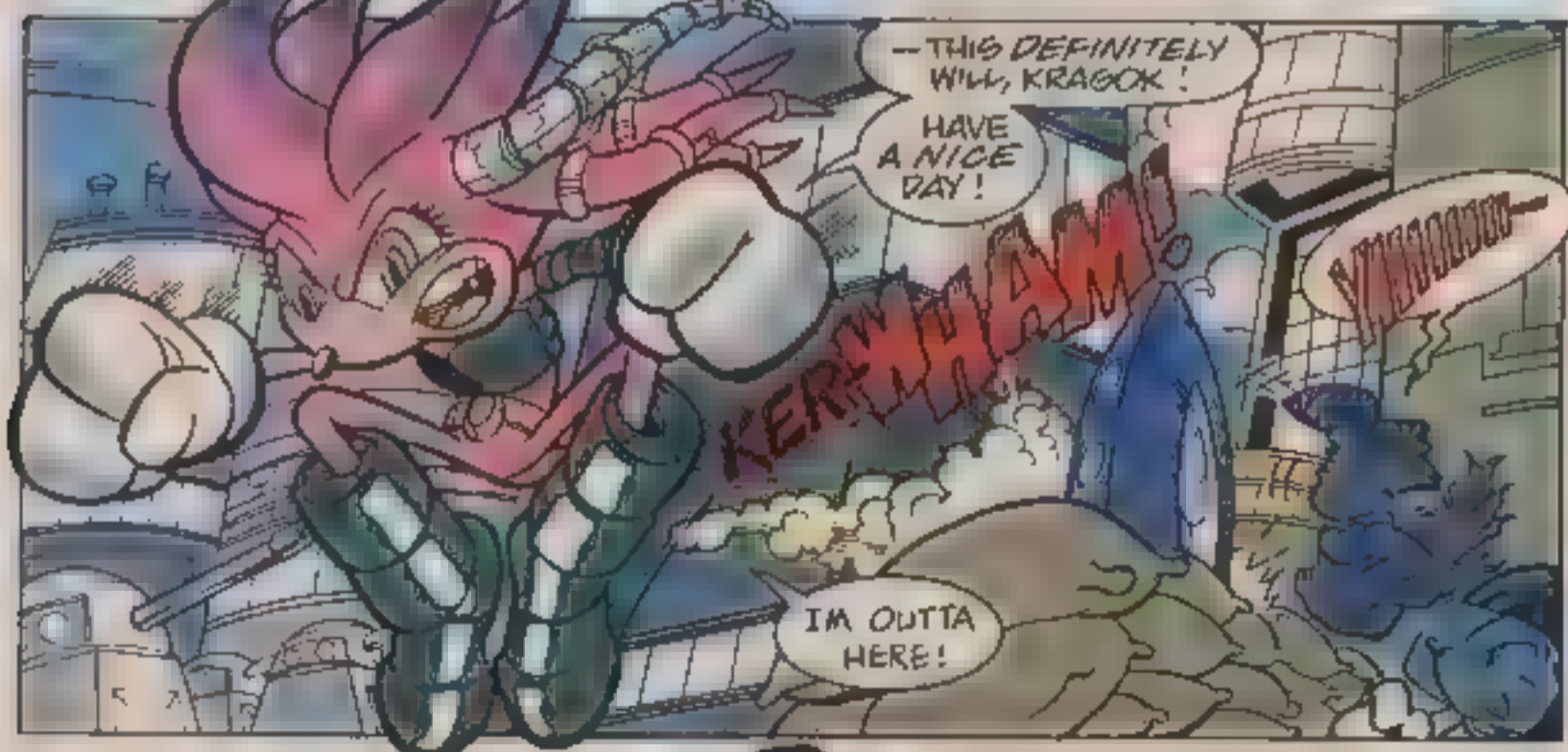
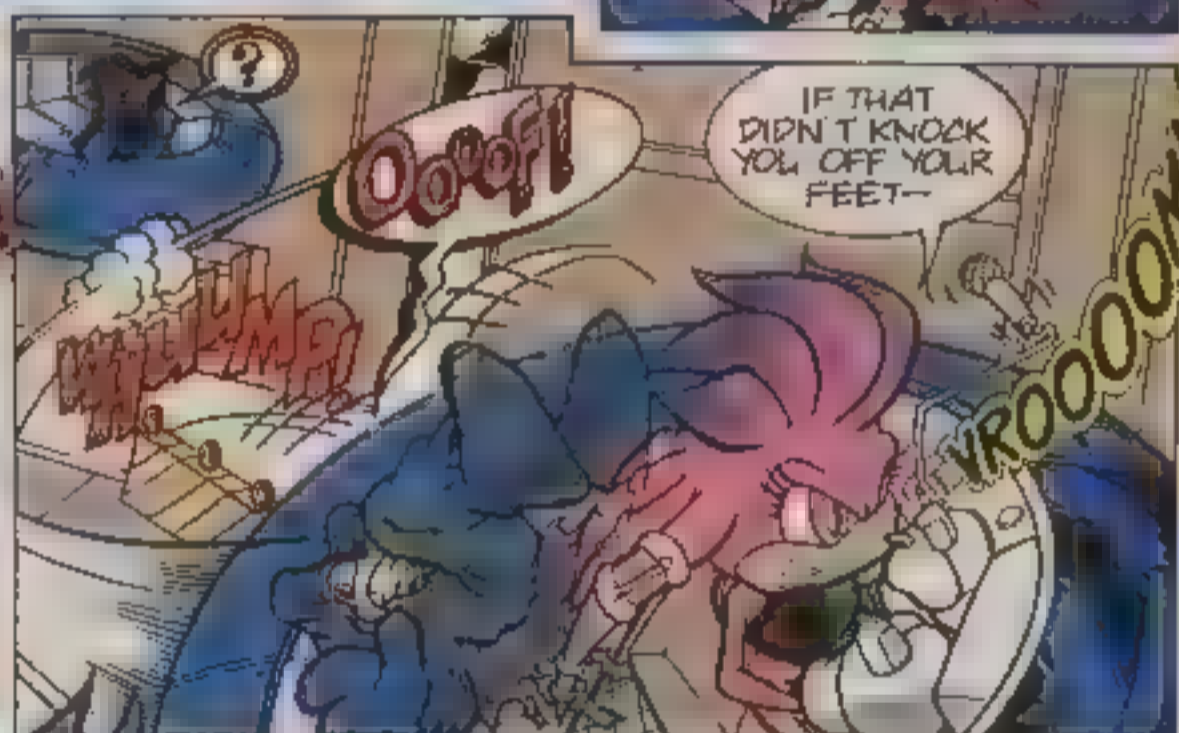
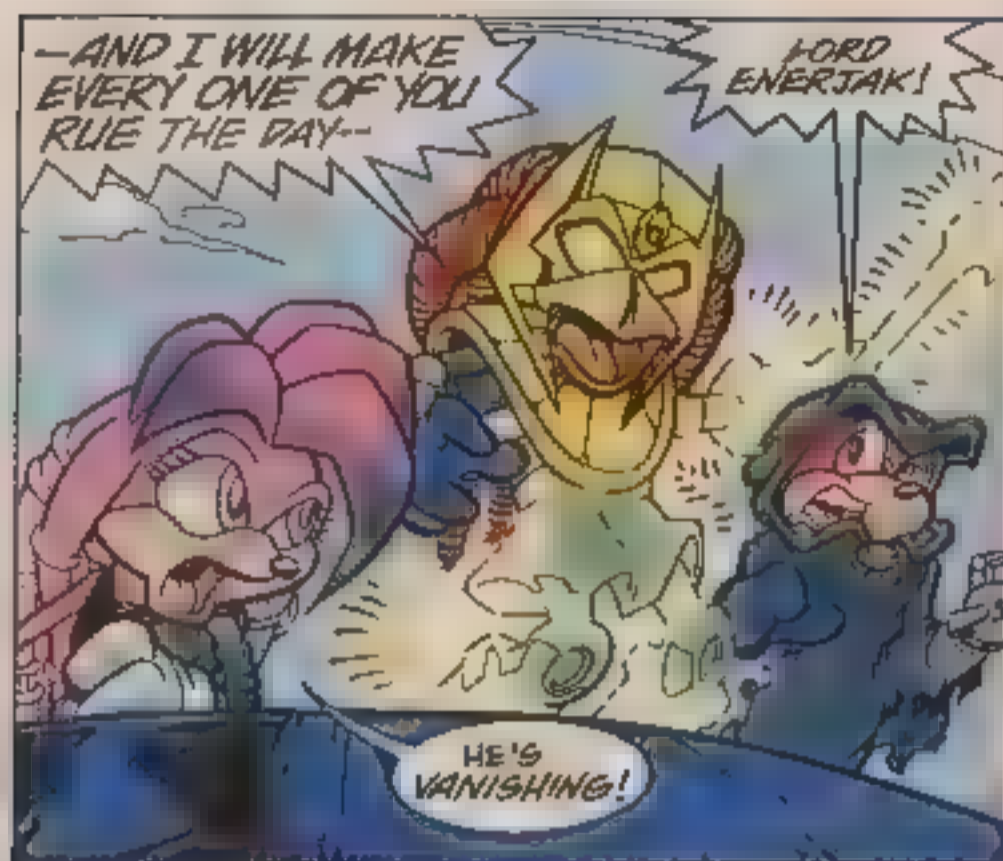


THEY'RE ON  
THE ROOFTOPS,  
AS WELL!

BREAK  
FORMATION!







LIKE THAT  
LAST STEP WAS 5000  
"TRIPENDICULAR!"

"-IS FINDING OUT  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO ENERTAK."

THE DAY THAT YOU  
WERE BORN!

**EH?**

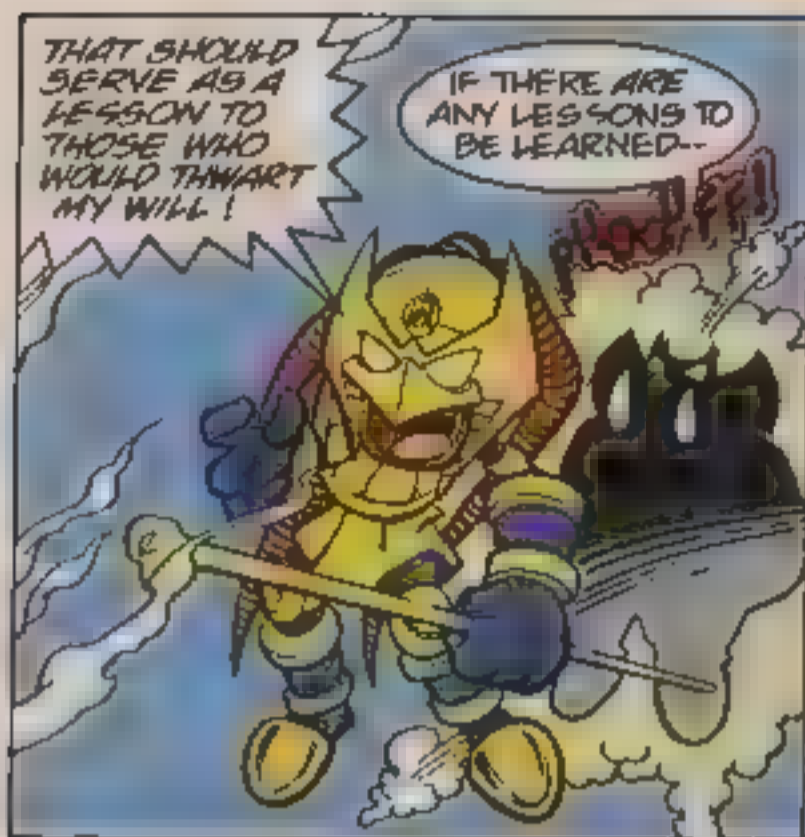
WHO ARE YOU?  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?

IF I NEED  
A LACKEY, I  
HAVE MORE THAN  
ENOUGH!

I AM  
NO ONE'S LACKEY,  
ENERJAK! I AM  
MAMMOTH  
MOGUL!

WHO? BE GONE,  
PRESUMPTUOUS  
WRETCH!





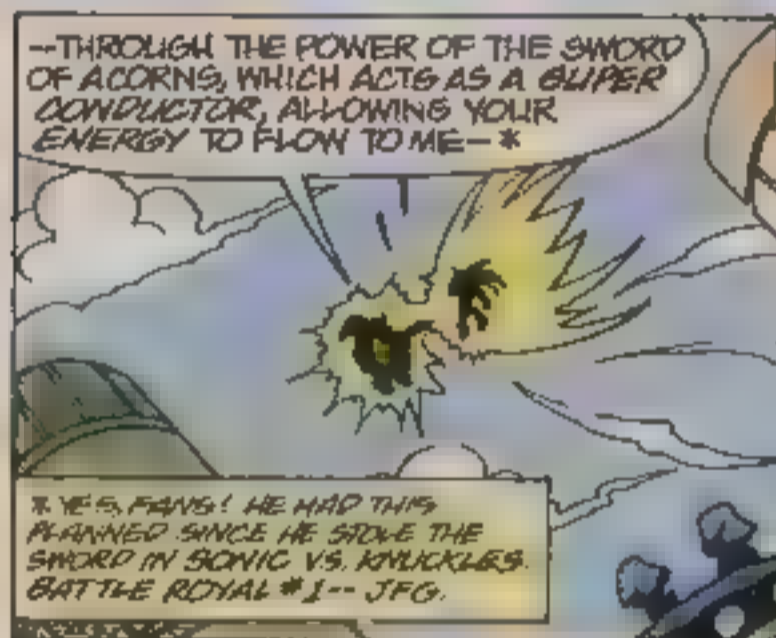
THAT SHOULD  
SERVE AS A  
LESSON TO  
THOSE WHO  
WOULD THWART  
MY WILL!

IF THERE ARE  
ANY LESSONS TO  
BE LEARNED--



--IT'S ONE  
YOU SO OBVIOUSLY  
FORGOT!

AS I BEGIN  
TO ABSORB THE  
INCALCULABLE  
POWER YOU  
POSSESS--



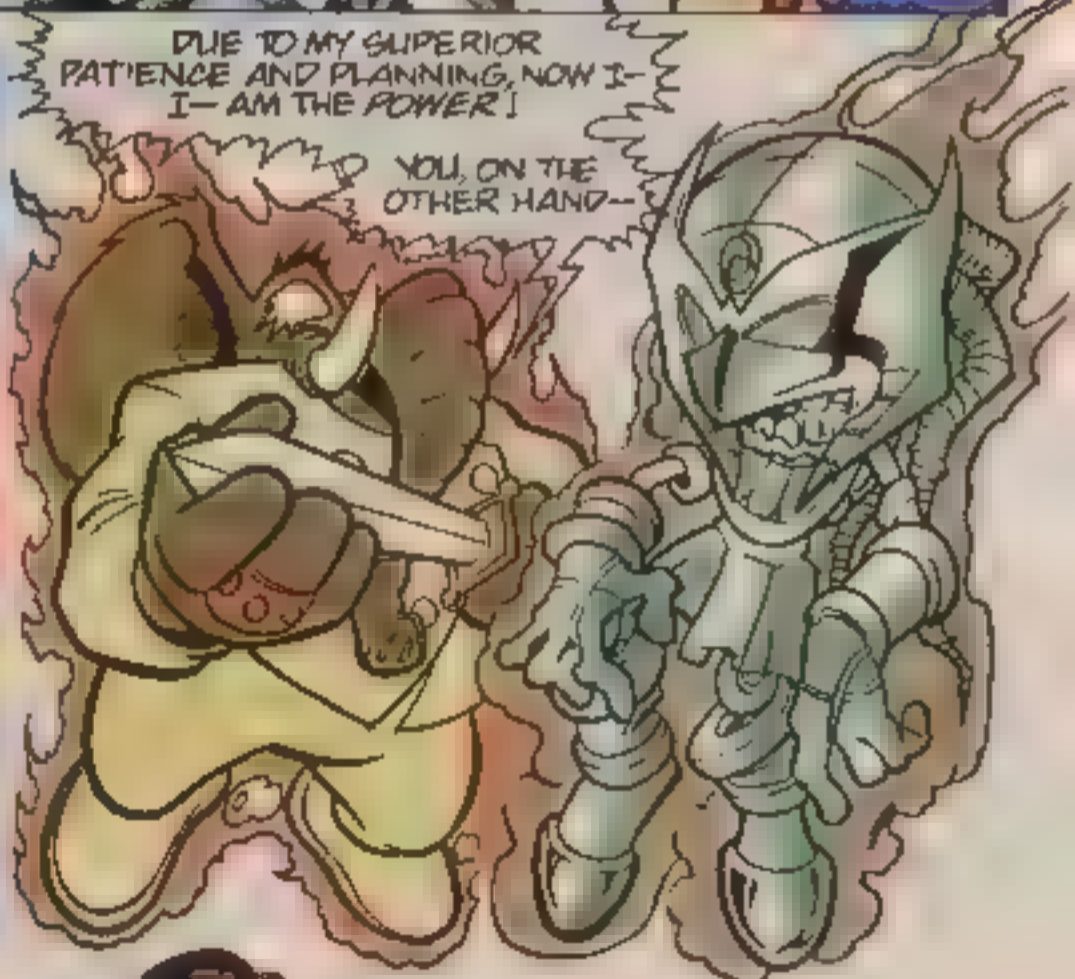
--THROUGH THE POWER OF THE SWORD  
OF ACORNS, WHICH ACTS AS A SUPER  
CONDUCTOR, ALLOWING YOUR  
ENERGY TO FLOW TO ME--\*

\* YES, FANS! HE HAD THIS  
PLANNED SINCE HE STOLE THE  
SWORD IN SONIC VS. KYLLICK'S  
BATTLE ROYAL #1-- JFG.



--CONSIDER THIS--

--THERE IS ALWAYS  
SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS  
SMARTER, STRONGER AND  
EVEN MORE RUTHLESS  
THAN YOU.



DUE TO MY SUPERIOR  
PATIENCE AND PLANNING, NOW I--  
I-- AM THE POWER!

YOU, ON THE  
OTHER HAND--



"--ARE NOTHING MORE--"

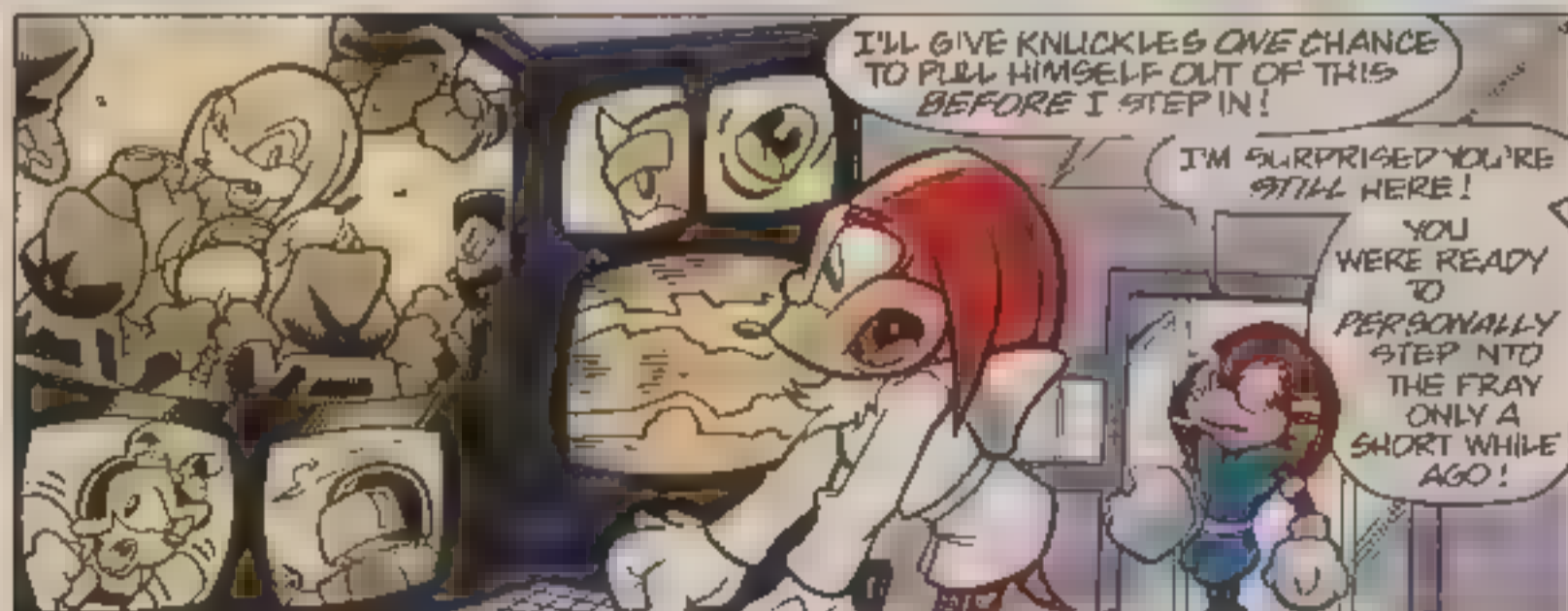
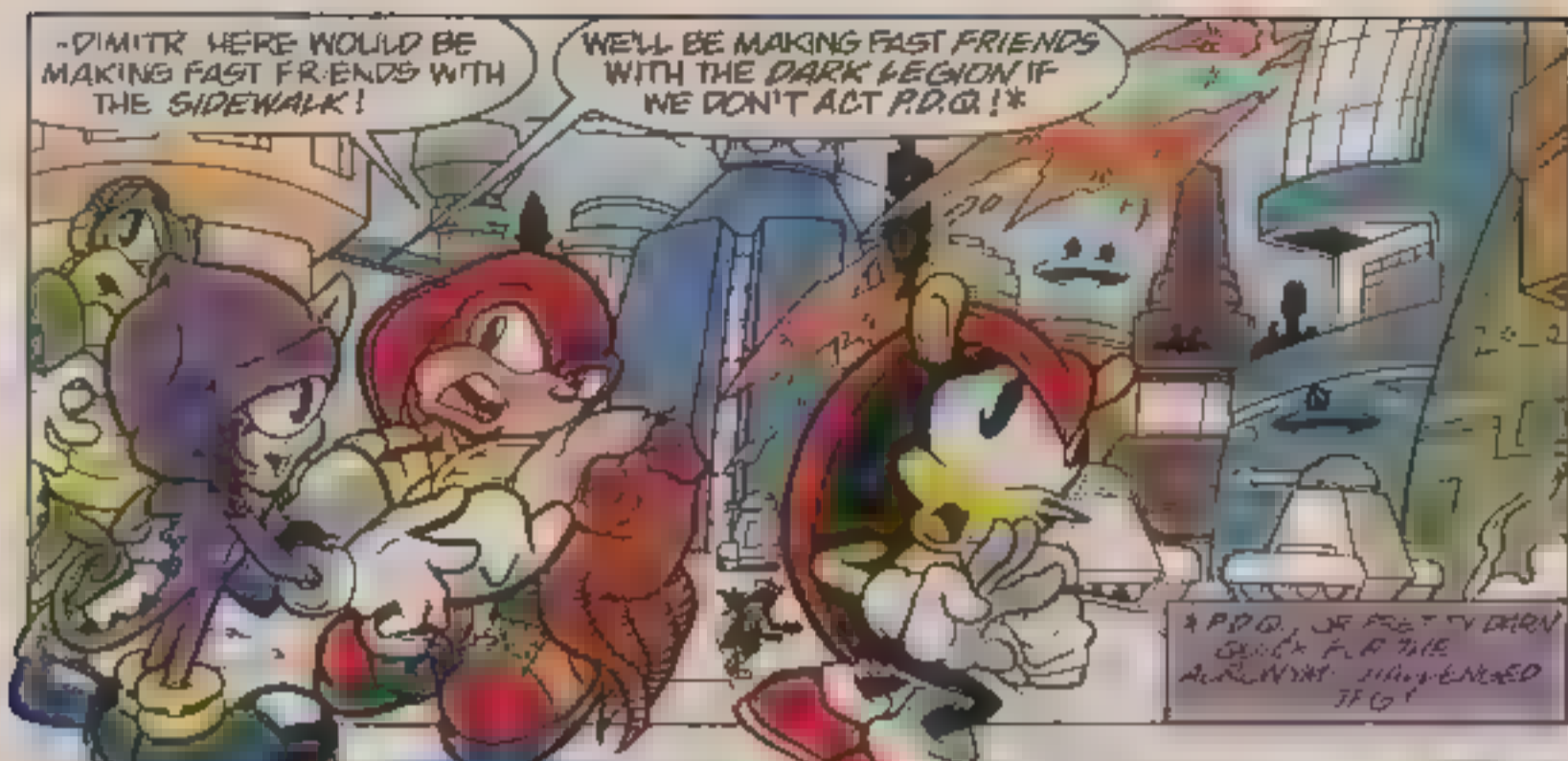
"--THAN JUST  
ANOTHER ECHIDNA--"

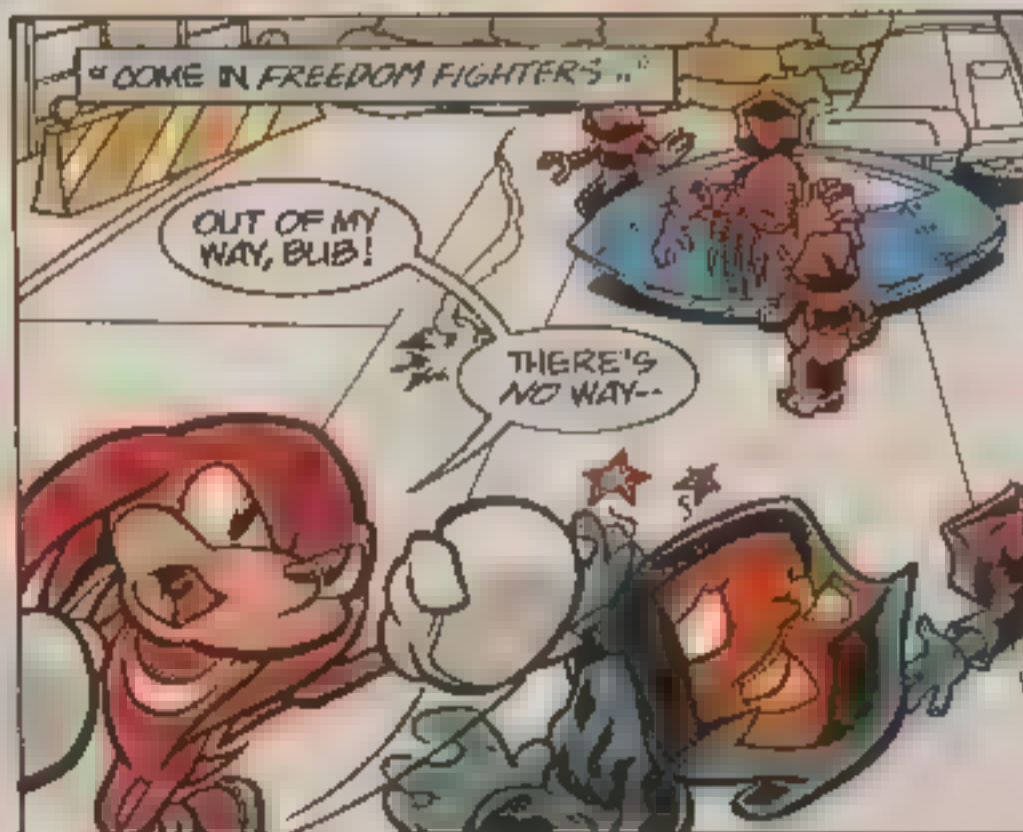
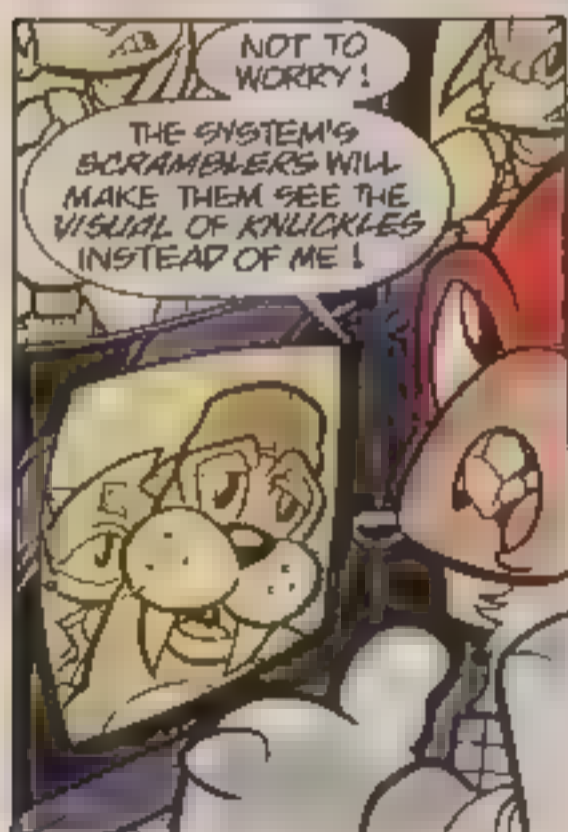
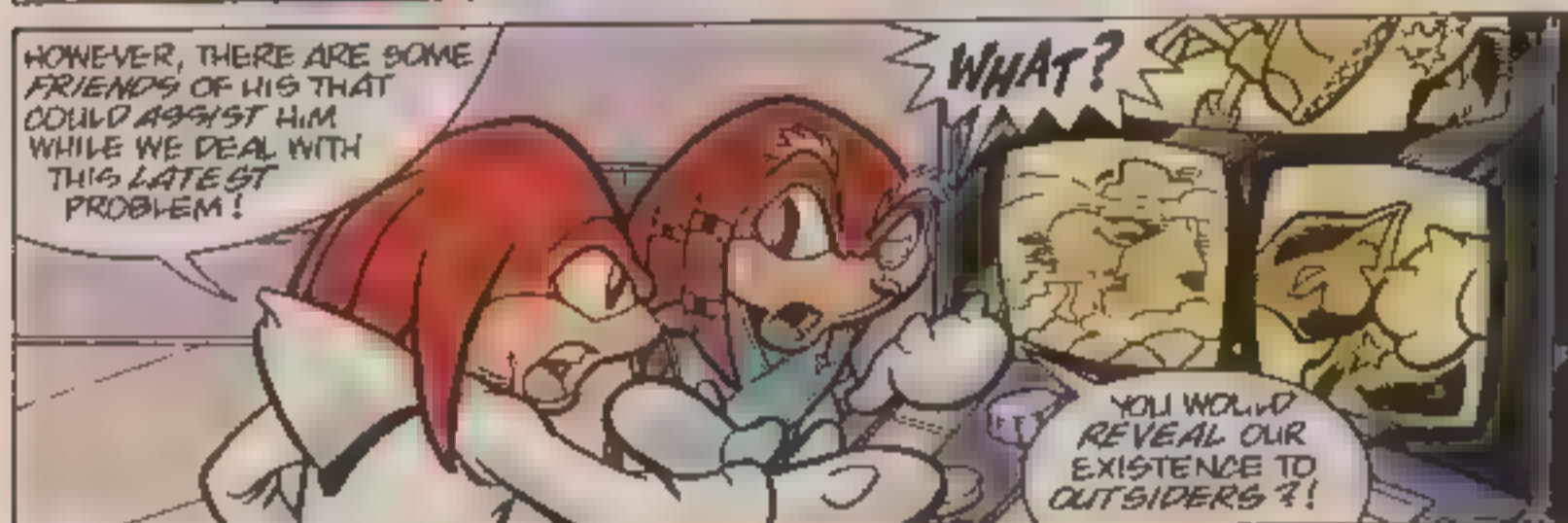
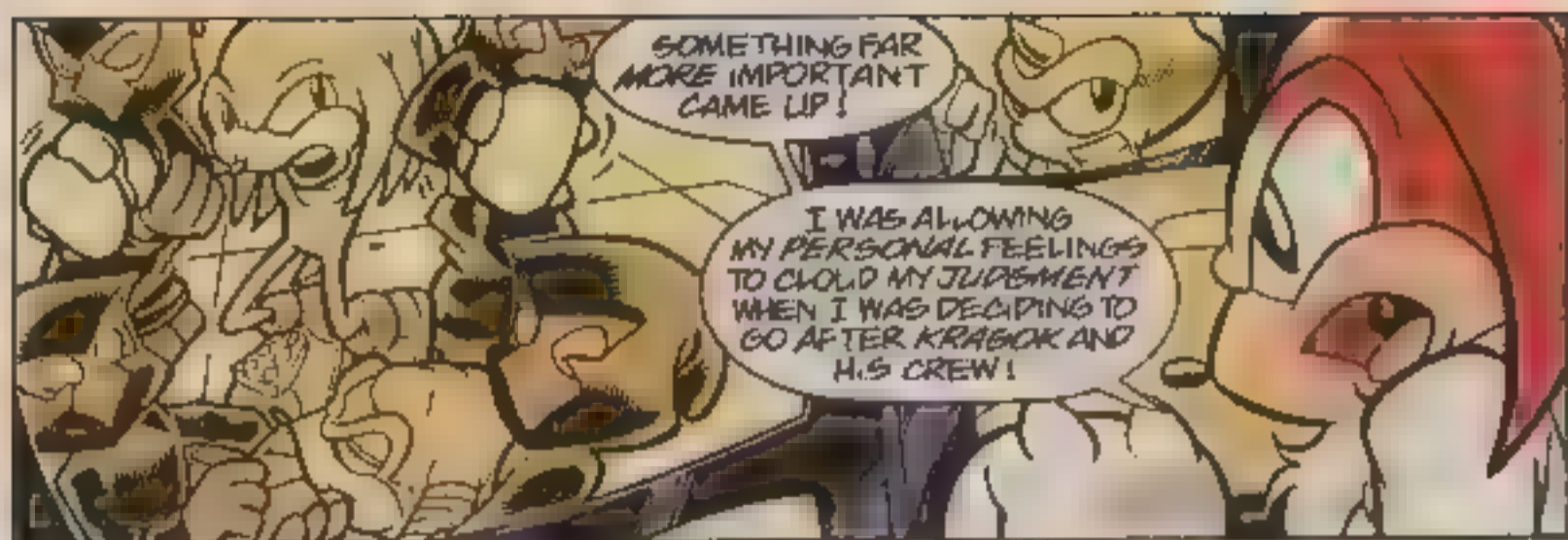
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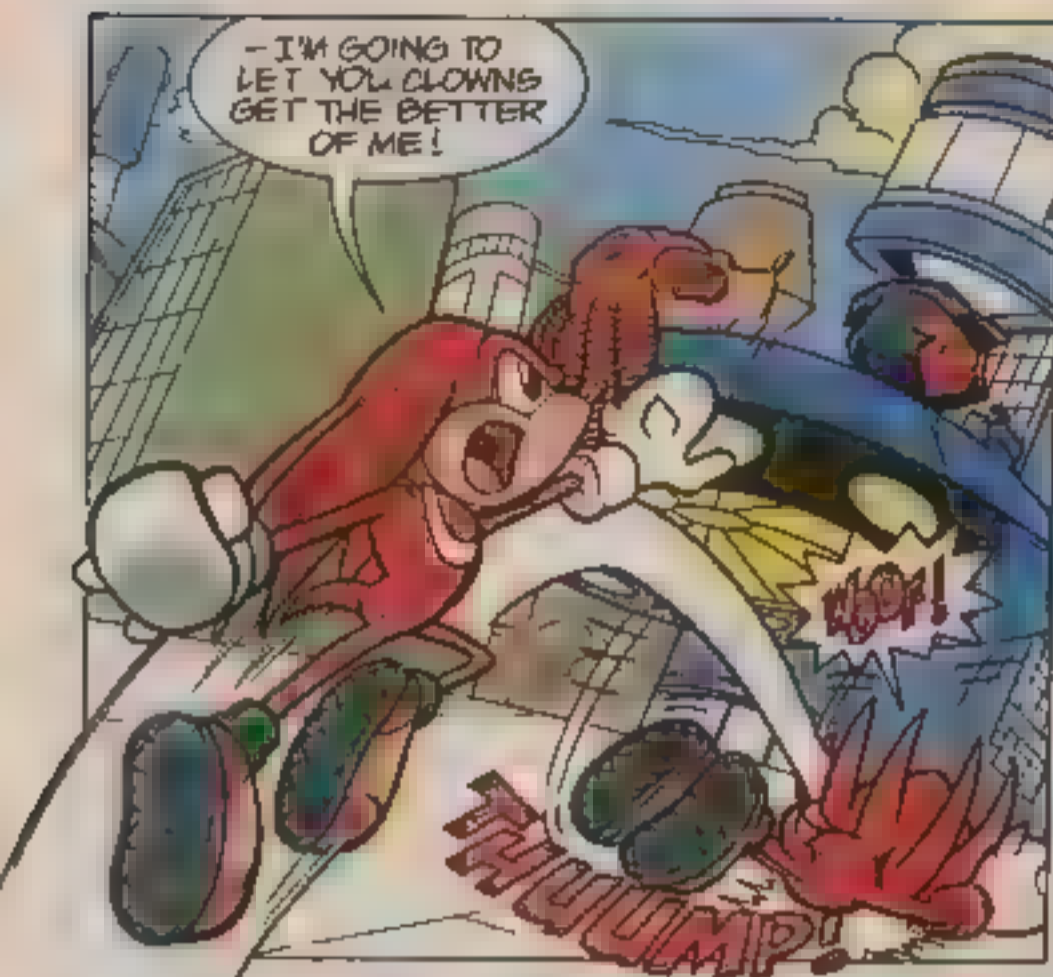
GO TCHA!

WAY TO GO,  
KNUX!

HES LUCKY  
WE GOT HERE  
JUST IN THE NICK  
OF TIME!  
IF NOT FOR  
ARCHIMEDES--







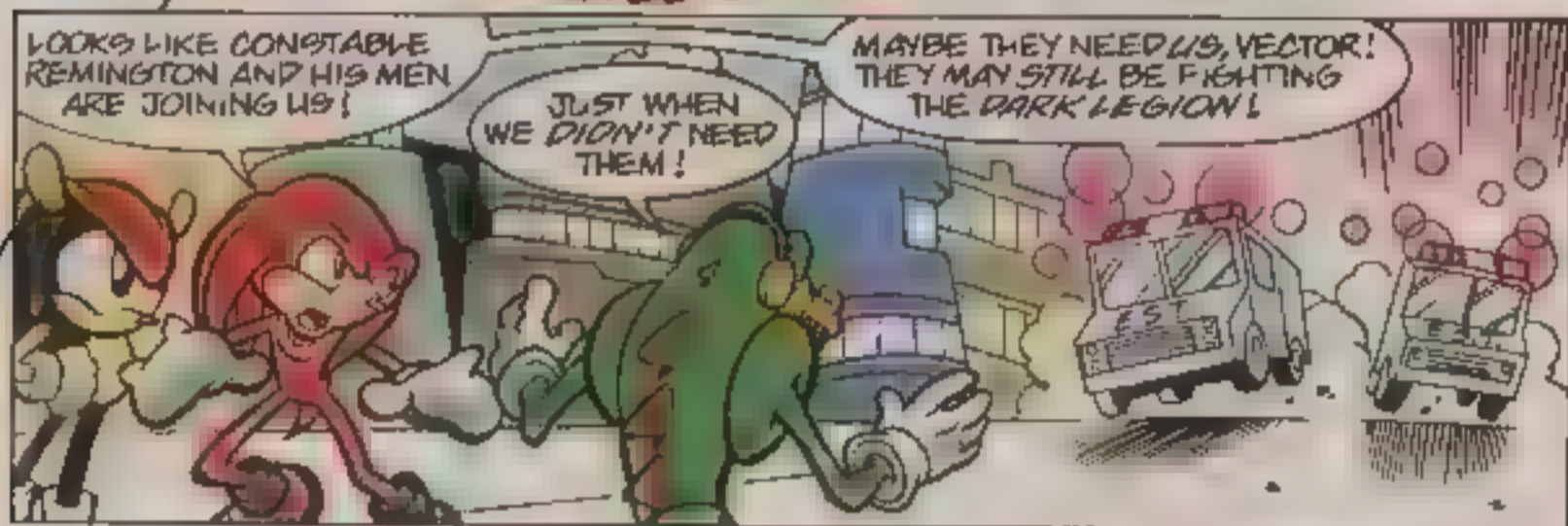
- I'M GOING TO LET YOU CLOWNS GET THE BETTER OF ME!



KNUCKLES! ARE YOU HURT?

ONLY MY PRIDE!

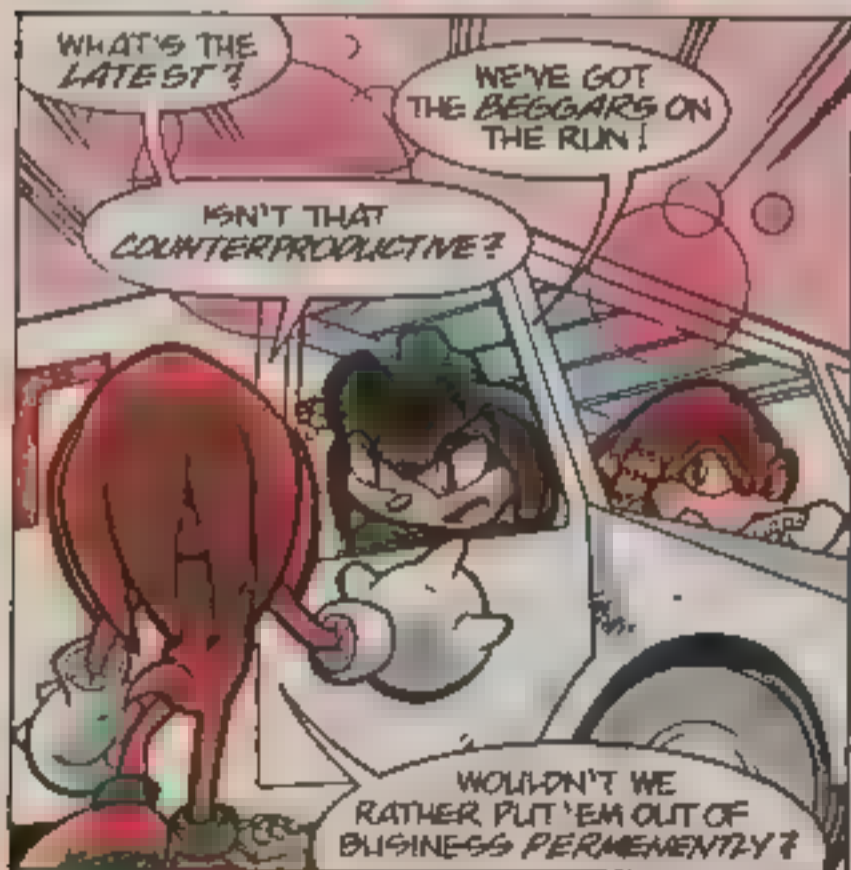
I SHOULD HAVE HAD HIM!



LOOKS LIKE CONSTABLE REMINGTON AND HIS MEN ARE JOINING US!

JUST WHEN WE DIDN'T NEED THEM!

MAYBE THEY NEED US, VECTOR! THEY MAY STILL BE FIGHTING THE DARK LEGION!

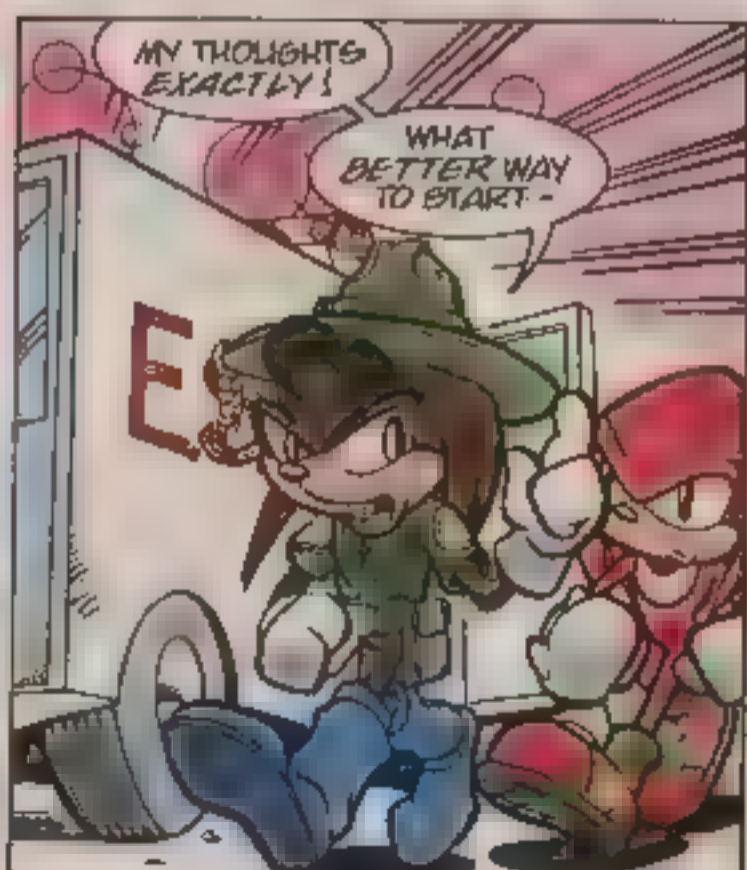


WHAT'S THE LATEST?

WE'VE GOT THE BEGGARS ON THE RUN!

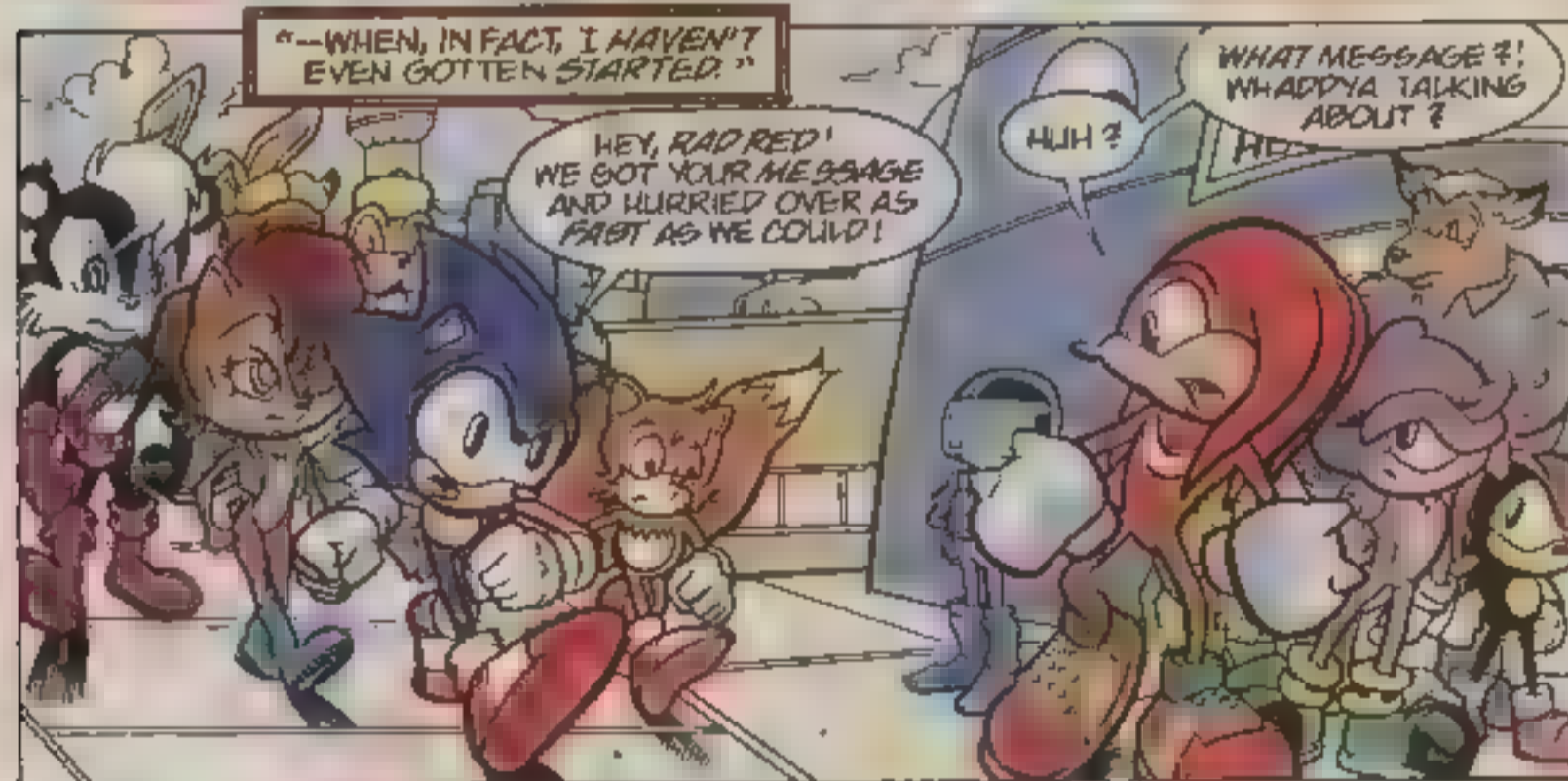
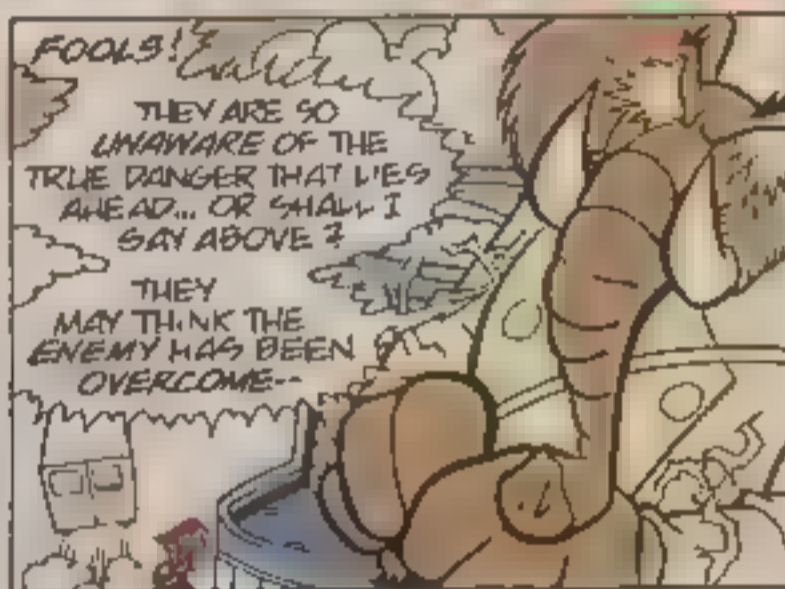
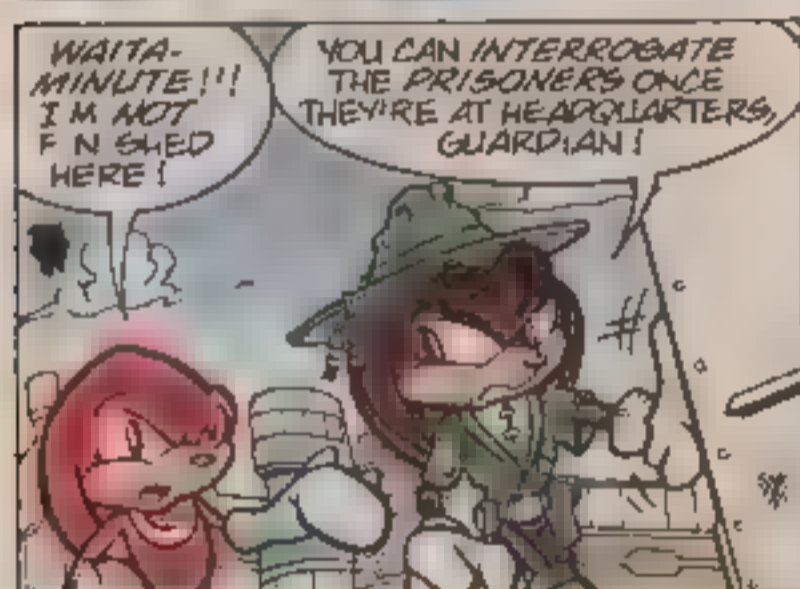
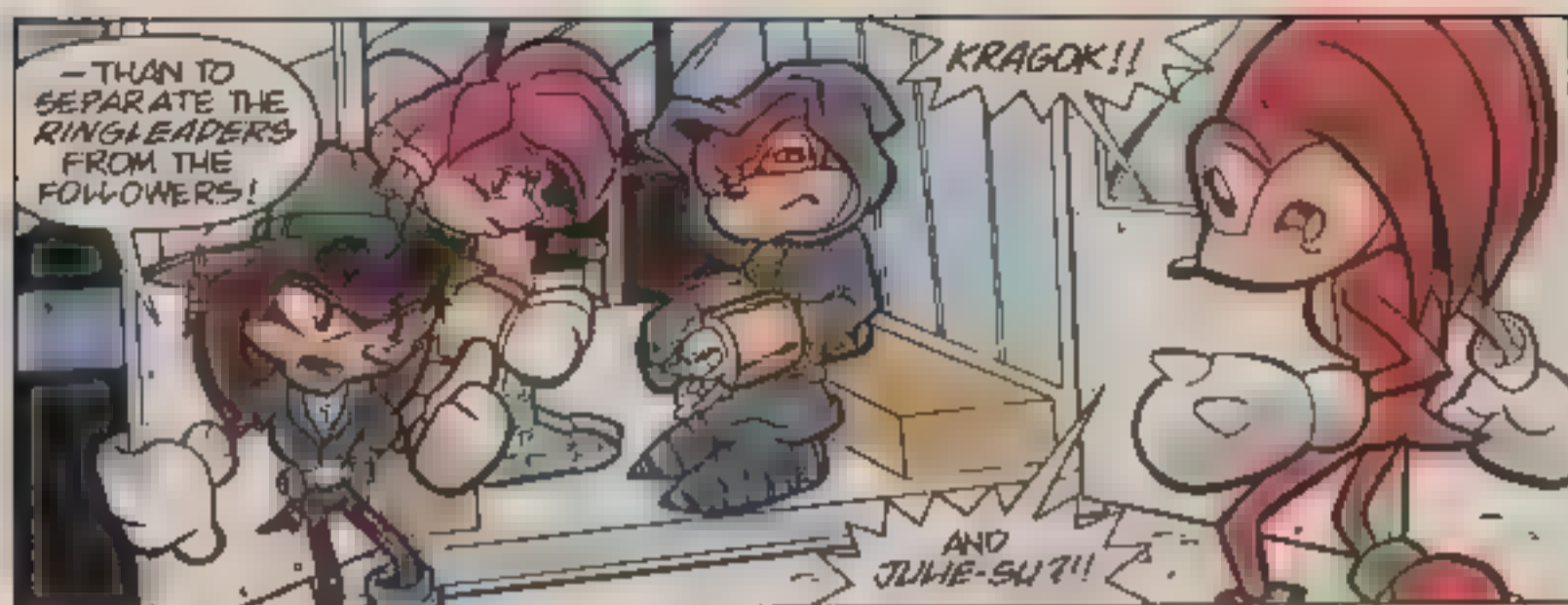
ISN'T THAT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE?

WOULDN'T WE RATHER PUT 'EM OUT OF BUSINESS PERMANENTLY?



MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY!

WHAT BETTER WAY TO START -



NOW DON'T YOU WORRY,  
CHILDREN, FOR YOUR  
TRUE LORD AND MASTER  
IS HERE!

SIMPLY  
WORSHIP THE  
GROUND I WALK  
ON--

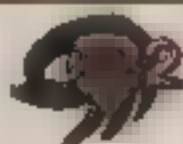
--OR PLAN ON  
SPENDING THE REST  
OF YOUR DAYS IN  
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DEAR KNUCKLES,

WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE WHO SAWD YOU  
SIMPLY SMASHING! I WAS ON AIR ALL DAY WHEN I  
HEARD THE NEWS ABOUT YOUR OWN STORY. WHY  
TO GO. KNUCK YOUR ECHIDNA CULTURE AND HER-  
ITAGE PORTRAYED THROUGHOUT THE MINI-SERIES  
WAS ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC. AND THE STORY A  
GREAT AND POWERFUL MESSAGE. THANKS ON BEHALF  
NOTE. I THINK YOU NEED A GIRLFRIEND. WHOEVER  
YOU CHOOSE, IT SHOULD NOT BE SALLY. I'LL SEE YOU  
ON TV.

MIKE KARPIS  
DOTHAN, AL

THANK YOU, SUSAN, ON ALL  
COUNTS. WHAT DID YOU THINK  
OF THE "DARK VENGEANCE"  
STORYLINE THAT CONCLUDES WITH  
THIS ISSUE? WRITE IN AND LET  
US KNOW. AS FAR AS YOUR  
MATCHMAKING IDEAS GO, RELAX...  
I'M STILL JUST FIFTEEN AND  
LEARNING TO BE THE BEST  
GUARDIAN I CAN BE.



KNUCKLES THE  
ECHIDNA #10  
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DEAR KNUCKLES

HOW IS IT GOING WITH THE DARK LEGION?  
YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU ARE WAY COOLER THAN  
SONIC. IN FACT YOU CAN TELL SONIC, "ECHIDNAS  
RULE! HEDGEHOGS DRINK!" I HAVE A FEW  
QUESTIONS: 1) DO YOU LIKE BEING HYPER  
KNUCKLES? 2) WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR? 3) DO  
YOU THINK IT WAS RIGHT FOR THE DARK LEGION TO  
TURN THEMSELVES INTO CYBORG? JUST TO LET YOU  
KNOW, I STARTED A KNUCKLES FAN CLUB WITH MY  
FRIENDS. WE ARE ALL OBSESSED WITH YOU, MAN.  
WE WANT TO SAY TO YOU AND ESPIO TO STAY COOL!

ANDREW TIGHE  
CALGARY, AB  
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WELL, IF YOU READ THIS  
ISSUE, THEN YOU KNOW WE  
STOPPED THEIR INVASION OF  
ECHIDNAOPOLIS, ONLY TO GET  
INTO BIGGER TROUBLE WITH  
THE ALL-NEW, ALL-POWERFUL  
MAMMOTH MOGUL! 1) IT'S A  
BLAST BUT I DON'T WANT ALL  
THAT POWER TO GET TO MY  
HEAD LIKE IT DID ENERJAX. 2)  
RED, OF COURSE. 3) NO, I DON'T  
THINK WHAT THEY DID TO  
THEMSELVES IS COOL, BUT TO  
KNUCKLES AND ESPIO WITH ESPIO  
SAYS HE'LL CHECK YOU OUT LATER.

DEAR KNUCKLES,

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS ABOUT  
PRINCESS SALLY? IT IS SO TERRIBLE THAT SHE PASSED  
AWAY. I HOPE YOU'RE TAKING IT WELL SINCE YOU  
KNEW HER SINCE YOU WERE KIDS. 1) HOW OLD ARE  
YOU? 2) IS SONIC YOUR COUSIN?

JOSH CUNNINGHAM (AGE 12)  
LITTLE ROCK, AR

NOT ONLY DID I HEAR THE  
NEWS, I GOT INVOLVED. READ  
SONIC #50 FOR THE DETAILS. 1) I  
AM FIFTEEN YEARS OLD. 2) NO, WE  
ARE NOT COUSINS. BUT NOW THAT  
WE CLEARED THE AIR BETWEEN US  
IN SONIC #53, I THINK WE CAN  
ENJOY OUR FRIENDSHIP.

DEAR KNUCKLES,

I'VE BEEN A FAN OF YOURS SINCE YOUR  
FIRST APPEARANCE IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #11!  
1) DO YOU LOVE SALLY? 2) WHAT HAPPENED TO  
HEAVY AND BOMB? 3) WERE YOU BORN WITH  
SPINES?

ADAM "MR. NO-BRAINS" GOEBLER (AGE 15)  
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IF YOU WANT TO RELIVE THE  
EXPERIENCE OF MY FIRST  
APPEARANCE, I HOPE YOU PICKED  
UP A COPY OF SONIC: FIRSTS! ON  
TO YOUR QUESTIONS: 1) I LOVE  
SALLY LIKE I WOULD LOVE A  
SISTER (IF I HAD ONE). 2) HEAVY  
AND BOMB STAY ON THE FLOATING  
ISLAND LIVING A LIFE OF PEACE.  
TIME WILL TELL IF THEY GET  
FIRED OF THAT LIFE. 3) I'VE HAD  
MY KNUCKLES FOR AS LONG AS I  
CAN REMEMBER.



DEAR KNUCK,

I HAVE A RAP FOR YOU AND THE CHAOTIX.  
HERE IT IS:

HI, I'M KNUCKLES, MY FRIENDS CALL ME KNUX. I  
CAN CLIMB WITH MY KNUCKLES AND GLIDE WITH  
MY LOCKS. I LIKE MY FRIENDS BECAUSE THEY'RE  
NO FOOLS. NOW LET ME TELL YA'ABOUT THEM,  
THEY'RE COOL! HERE COMES CHARMY. HE'S A BEE.  
THEN THERE'S NIGHTY WHO CAN PUNCH DOWN A  
TREE. HERE IS VECTOR THE CHOCODILE, HE WAS  
BORN WITH EXTRA STYLE. THEN THERE'S ESPIO  
WHO CAN CLIMB THINGS WITH EASE. THEN HE  
DISAPPEARS WITH THE KNOCK OF HIS KNEES. AS  
YOU CAN SEE, MY FRIENDS ARE VERY COOL. EVEN  
WE CAN'T SWIM IN POOLS. EXCEPT FOR VECTOR,  
REMEMBER HE'S THE CROC. HE CAN SWIM IN POOLS  
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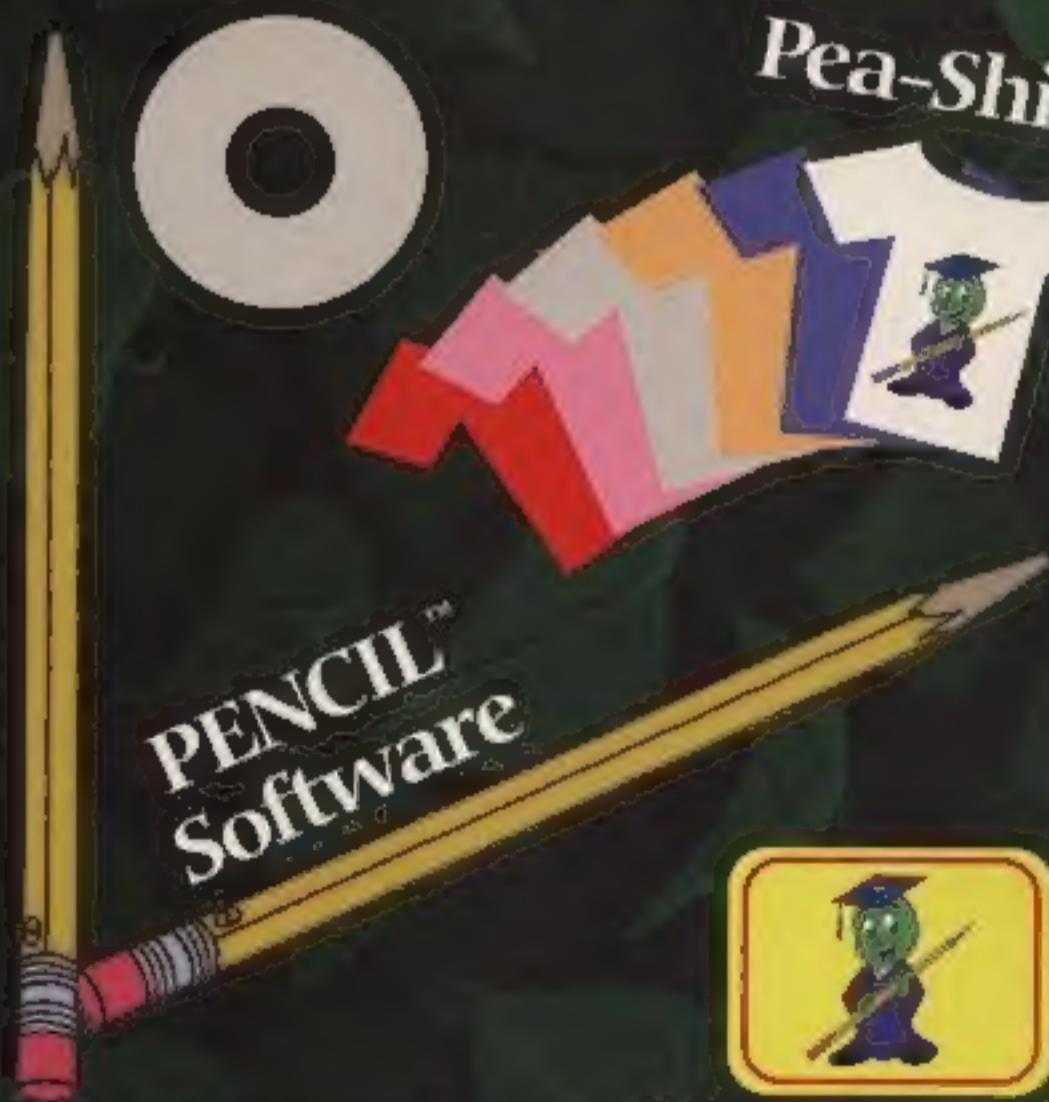
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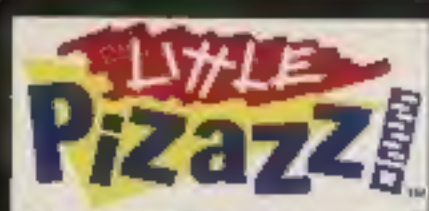
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